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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE TREASURER'S SOS: 'Do you know of venue where we can meet up and have a hot meal?'

THE treasurer of a social committee which represents 37 people who meet each day at Rondel House is appealing for help to find a venue where they can meet in the future.

Mrs Joan Jones said the social provision at Rondel House had been

'a lifeline' for many people over the years including her husband Mac, aged 81.

"For the 37 people or so, it has been a place where they could have a hot meal every day, sit and play cards or bingo."

"For most of us, it is the only contact we have with other people because many of us have not got any family left."

**REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN**

Mrs Jones has been involved with Rondel House for 32 years. The resource centre is situated near the town centre in Maes-y-Cwm Street.

During her 32-year association with Rondel House, Mrs Jones has been a volunteer and served on the social committee raising funds which allowed members to enjoy Christmas parties, day trips, meals out, and provided a television room and library.

"My members and I range from our seventies to nineties and I would say most of us have some disability or other - most

members have to have transport back and forth to Rondel House. It has been a lifeline, not only to me and my husband, but to all the members that have come and gone in more than 30 years."

Mrs Jones and the group were told by the manager that they would no longer be able to attend in the future, and she thinks the service will end for them once alterations have taken place and people start to attend from Gardenhurst in Penarth.

Mrs Jones understands that "the ones taking over are very ill" as Rondel

and Gardenhurst become a merged single day service resource.

She understands that cuts have to be made, but added: "We are looking for a place where we can meet and have a hot meal, but where can we go?"

"It would have been nice if someone from the council had officially come down to explain why we had to go."

Phil Evans, the director of social services at the Vale Council, said: "In response to changes in people's ideas about the best way in which social services can support them to remain independent and lead fulfilled lives, the council is looking again at day care provision."

"We are consulting about plans for change, and this includes meetings with people who use the current day services."

"The issues raised by Mrs Jones will be taken into consideration before final plans are made."

"This will include helping some groups to make alternative arrangements for meetings, while social services concentrate on providing more specialised day services for the most vulnerable people in the community," he added.

Report by AJ SICLUNA

## BARRY MAN JAILED OVER SEX ABUSE

A CHILD must have been "in turmoil" when she was sexually abused over a period of 18 months, said a judge at Cardiff Crown Court.

The man responsible, James McKernan (26) of Barry, who had no previous convictions, was jailed for three years.

He was found guilty of three offences of sexual assault.

Prosecutor Hywel Hughes said McKernan committed the offences in the area.

McKernan said that nothing of an inappropriate nature had ever occurred.

Judge Michael Mifflin said that McKernan knew the victim had been previously abused.

He said that the

course of conduct occurred from November 2008 until July 2010.

She said that he had subjected her to "unforgivable behaviour".

It was, she said, persistent abuse.

"This child must have been in turmoil and your actions made her feel sad. She is now withdrawn, and suffers nightmares."

"You maintained she was lying. You have shown no remorse or motivation to change."

It was possible, she said, there would be long-term damage.

She said that the inevitable sentence would be his first taste of custody.

McKernan was ordered on release to register as a sex offender for life.

The woman driver of one of the vehicles was taken to the University Hospital of Wales as a precautionary measure.

A police spokesman said: "We are investigating the incident."



ABOVE: Rhws Primary School got all excited on St David's Day!  
SEE MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 4.

## SOCA plan demo at Civic Offices

THE Save Our Cinema Association is holding a demonstration outside the Civic Offices in Holton Road Barry on March 18.

Chairman Bob Armstrong explained: "We believe up to 150 people will make their views known in a peaceful protest against the demolition of the Theatre Royal."

The group is opposed to the Theatre Royal being used as an Extra-Care facility for the elderly, and claims the facility would be better located at the Waterfront.

"We plan to meet up at 3.30pm – it is an opportunity for people to show support for the cinema because we believe it might be considered by planning on March 31."

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# MAN (20) POINTED GUN AT BYSTANDER – court is told

WHEN a gun was pointed from a car at a man walking with his girlfriend in Barry, he believed he was about to die, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Window fitter Lewis Jones (20), was actually wielding an imitation weapon and later said he was involved in making a video, the prosecutor Nuhu Gobir said.

Jones, of Barry, was sentenced to a total of 20 months in a young offender institution.

He pleaded guilty to possessing an imitation firearm, with intent to cause fear of violence, possessing cannabis, assault, failing to surrender to bail, and damaging an electronic leg tag.

Mr Gobir said that

about 3.15pm on April 5, Christopher Gannon and his girlfriend were walking down Severn Avenue, Barry, with two others and were about to cross the road when a Ford Fiesta drove slowly past them.

At a distance of about two yards, said Mr Gobir, the passenger window opened and a handgun was pointed by Jones at Mr Gannon.

Jones laughed, but Mr Gannon was shocked.

He shouted: "What do you think you are doing, pointing a gun at me?"

Mr Gobir added: "He believed the gun was real and he thought he was about to be killed."

Mr Gobir said that two weeks before, Jones had approached Mr Gannon and asked where he could obtain a "good shooter".

meant no harm with the gun.

"He loves music, and he is trying hard to be famous. He has studied some courses in music and multimedia. The gun was being used as a prop."

Mr Nicholas said: "There is a strong degree of immaturity and he knows what it involved. He has found being remanded in custody extremely serious, and has cried every night."

His counsel Ian Halliday, said: "He is fearful and shame-faced. The weapon was a toy, and was bought as a video prop for a lawful purpose. It was a spur of

the moment offence which he deeply regrets.

"He was not trying to be a 'big man'. Effectively, he is scared stiff and spends much of his time in tears."

Judge Philip Richards told him: "The gun offence caused real fear to your victim. He was confronted with a man pointing at him what he believed was a real gun."

"There was nothing to suggest it was anything other than that. His girlfriend was also extremely frightened."

The judge added: "Very many real gun crimes are committed in these islands by people no older than yourself."

## Scout jumble

**THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group jumble sale is on Saturday March 19, at 1.30pm in the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.**



## St David's eisteddfod at Holton Primary

ALL pupils and staff at Holton Primary enjoyed a wealth of celebrations during St David's Day celebrations this year.

Parents attending the Infant concert praised the enthusiasm of the children as they enjoyed a succession of Welsh songs and dances.

Junior children participated in the traditional Holton eisteddfod, where winners of craft, handwriting and recitation competitions were honoured.

The day ended with the 'Chairing of the Bard' competition, the winner this year being Alana Stokes.

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# St David's Day eisteddfod at Rhws Primary School

RHWS Primary School celebrated St David's Day in style with a range of Welsh activities and competitions that culminated in an eisteddfod.

Children had been entering competitions ranging from art to handwriting, recitation to music, sports to story-writing.

Key stage 1/foundation phase pupils also carried out Welsh activities with their KS2 buddies, including Welsh folk dancing (year-2 and year-6) and making Welsh rarebit (year-1 and year-5).

During the eisteddfod, children demonstrated their activities and found out who had won the competitions. The chairing of the Bard ceremony was also held for the winner of the year-6 story-writing competition; a very prestigious award!

The points were then totalled to discover which house team had won.... da iawn, ty gwyn!

Kelsey Bibey (Rhws Primary School)



Year-1 pupils in costume.



Winner of the bard chairing ceremony



Year-3 pupils in costume



Year-3 pupil in her costume.

## CARL SURVIVES AN ENDURANCE TEST

**R E C E N T L Y ,** Sergeant Carl Chaplin from 372 (Barry) Squadron completed the Dodentocht ('Death March') in Belgium.

The Dodentocht is a challenging 100-kilometre hike starting from Bornem, in which participants have only 24 hours to finish.

The gruelling march is worthy of its name, due to its length and the rough and forested terrain. Half of the people who start never make it to the end.

The march started at 9pm with more than 10,000 people from many countries around the world. The Dodentocht has grown over the years and the locals cheered on all the brave participants.

Initially, Carl started off at a brisk pace to build up rest time later on, but generally he ate and drank while on the march.

The route took Carl through the villages of Willebroek, Lenderzeel and Buggenoot, through forests and

along a variety of roads, cobblestone paths and grass footpaths.

After successfully completing the route in under 24 hours, Carl was awarded a certificate confirming his time of 23 hours and 12 minutes, a medal, badge and a pineapple.

Afterwards, Carl said: "The walk was harder than I thought, especially towards the end, when I was running out of time. However, I am chuffed that I completed the 100 kilometres within 24 hours. I'm looking forward to putting my feet up for a well-deserved rest."

Carl is now looking forward to an action-packed and challenging training programme including flying, gliding, shooting, sport, hill craft, Duke of Edinburgh and leadership training in what promises to be another busy and exciting year ahead.

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Carl Chaplin with his pineapple and medal!

adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13 - 18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm - 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall) or contact the Squadron on 01446 747734 or email oc.372@aircadets.org. JH

## Barry potholes get wider and a bit deeper...



IT was the Beatles who said that there were "4,000 holes in Blackburn, Lancashire".

No one knows how many there are in Barry, but the December freeze has certainly created quite a few.

Local photographer Derek Booth snapped these on Saturday, February 26, at the junction of Barry Road and Buttrill's Road.

Mr Booth told The GEM: "These potholes have been getting worse for a number of weeks now and, as they are not visibly marked out for repair, the local council may well shortly find themselves in receipt of claims for damage to motor vehicles."

## Soroptimists give the Rainbow Group ladies a helping hand!



MEMBERS of Soroptimist International Barry and District recently responded to a request from a group of ladies who have formed The Rainbow Group.

These ladies, who have been attending yoga classes at the Pioneer Hall, Barry, are planning to arrange social activities

for women who may have had little in the way of social interaction with people outside their immediate family group.

The Rainbow Group is now at a stage where they need to formalise their structure to enable them to apply for some funding support. They needed a small amount of money to cover start-up costs, such as the hire of the hall prior to the grant being released, sta-

tionery, travel costs and publicity.

The offer of £50 from Barry Soroptimists was warmly received and club member Jane Hutt AM handed the cheque over on behalf of the club with fellow members Sue Bowyer and Pam Allinson.

To find out more about the club, visit [www.soroptimistgbfi.co.uk/barry-and-district](http://www.soroptimistgbfi.co.uk/barry-and-district).

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## Mayor-elect is chosen

PENARTH Town Council's mayor-elect Anthony Ernest, has served on the council since 1974, and will take office for a 12-month term from May.

Coun Ernest, who previously served as the town's Mayor in 1980, was born in Penarth to a local family who counted timber importing and coffee and tea wholesale, amongst their several business interests.

He was also chairman of the Vale Council in Millennium Year, 2000, where he has been an elected member since 1979, and is in his third year as chairman of the South Wales Fire Authority.

## Stanwell at centre of RE launch

RELIGIOUS education month in the Senedd was launched at Stanwell School, Penarth by Archbishop Barry Morgan.

Also present was Plaid AM Chris Franks, who also talked to children from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Barry. They performed 'reflections on the Holocaust' at the launch.

Other schools from the Vale included Evenlode and Albert Primary. Also present at the religious education event were representatives from the Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist and Bahá'í faiths.

## Guides celebrate a £1,869 windfall



THE 10th Barry Guides have been awarded a Co-Operative community grant to purchase much-needed equipment for their unit.

The Guides received £1,869 to purchase storage, craft, kitchen and sporting equipment.

The Co-op supports a wide range of community programmes, and in 2010 awarded £1.2 million to deserving groups across the UK.

## BBC APPEARANCE PUTS RECORD STRAIGHT



# Vale woman claims iconic 50s title of the 'Blackpool polka dot belle'

**LEFT:**  
Pat Stewart with *The Picture Post* Album and the contact sheet photographs that prove she was the 1951 'Blackpool belle'.

**REPORT by  
TIM CHAPMAN**

dancer to being part of a theatrical double act 'Nick and Pat Lunden' with Bernard Bresnick. She even appeared in one show with Laurel and Hardy!

Her association with Wales began when she met and married the Welsh comedian Johnny Stewart in Weymouth in 1956.

Johnny had a long and successful career on TV, in the theatre and on the club circuit. He even appeared on Sunday Night at the Palladium.

More than 10 years ago, Pat disputed the claims of a woman called Norma Edmondson, now aged 79, who said she thought she had been the 'polka dot' girl in the photograph.

Pat explained: "I was speaking to a newspaper who had run a story on her, and I said I was the Blackpool belle and they said 'prove it' – but it was a difficult time for me because my husband had just died."

Far from being a one-off, Pat listened to Norma making the claim on BBC's *The One Show*, broadcast last November.

Norma said she had been in Blackpool at that time and believed it had been a photograph of her and a friend.

Pat's friend Kay Davies, who lives in Cardiff, was so angry that she raised the issue with the BBC.

The result was that last week Pat appeared in a segment filmed at The Lamb and Flag Public House in Wick, when it was made clear she was the Blackpool belle.

Pat was able to prove her claim to fame by producing the 'contact sheets' given to her by Bert Hardy of photos taken on the day.

A spokesman for *The One Show* said Norma had made an honest mistake.

Last Friday, Pat phoned Norma, who lives in Cornwall, and declared: "I am Pat Stewart, the girl in the spotted dress that you have been impersonating all these years!" However, Norma did not want to talk to her.

Pat, who in recent years has lived in Wick, Llantwit and Llamaes, has strong roots in the Vale and Cardiff.

Peter, her elder son, aged 52, owns post offices in St Athan, and Barry Island, where he lives; her younger son Stephen, aged 51,

played rugby for Cardiff and Pontypridd, and he lives in Cardiff.

She also visits her daughter Rachel (42) an artist, who lives in Holland.

Pat has nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and another great-grandchild due in April, so Christmas is quite a handful!

Despite her association with the image, Pat never made a penny out of it.

Just one question remains: *What happened to the polka dot dress?*

Pat laughed: "What do you do with old clothes? I threw it out!"

**BARRY** town's cemetery is throwing open its gates this Saturday, March 12, to give people the opportunity to find out more about their heritage, and also so that they can locate family graves.

The event is part of a drive by Barry Town Council to make Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery and the local Chapel accessible as possible to the public.

Last year, The GEM previewed the inaugural cemetery open day, which proved a huge success.

The Mayor of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnell, said: "Last September was a storming success. There were people queuing

by TIM CHAPMAN

which covers almost 53 acres. The first burial on the site was in 1889, but the identity of the person was unknown.

The day will be an opportunity for local people to browse round the chapel, which was opened in November 2005 following a £125,000 renovation.

"The cemetery records will be available for members of the public and assistance will be provided by council staff, who will also show the public where they can locate family graves."

A book of remembrance is housed in the chapel in which people can arrange to have their loved ones honoured on the appropriate day in the year.

Coun Kuhnell pointed out that people involved with local organisations should be aware that the chapel can be used by the community.

The chapel will be open this Saturday from 10am to 3pm, and there will be refreshments



**LEFT:**  
The Mayor of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnell, beside the 'Book of Remembrance' at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel. The town council is inviting the community to an open day at the cemetery this Saturday, March 12.

## Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery holds an 'open day' for all

ONE of the strangest examples of 'mistaken identity' has been solved, thanks to a Vale woman who has claimed her rightful title as 'The Blackpool Belle in the Polka Dot Dress' featured in *The Picture Post* magazine in 1951.

For Pat Stewart, the face of one of the 20th century's most famous photographs, appearing on national TV last Thursday to lay claim to 1950s immortality ended several years in which another woman had said she was the 'Blackpool belle'.

Pat told The GEM she was glad the record had been set straight at last.

Now aged 77, Pat was a John Tiller Girl at the time the photograph was taken.

She explained: "Although it was 60 years ago, I have a clear recollection of having the photograph taken.

"At the time, I was working on Blackpool

North Pier as a dancer, kicking my legs!"

The photograph was taken by Bert Hardy and graced the front page of *The Picture Post* magazine's 50th anniversary edition.

Bert invited Pat and fellow dancer Wendy Clark to perch on the railings of Blackpool promenade.

Wendy, sporting a white dress, was gazing down at the beach, Pat, in the polka dot dress, was in a more risqué pose, with the wind blowing up the dress to reveal a shapely leg!

Magazine readers loved the photograph for capturing a carefree, golden moment in the sunshine at the British seaside.

Pat believes the year it was taken – 1951 – was critical to its enduring popularity.

"The war had recently finished. We had gone through austere years, and it was a new beginning for the youth of the 1950s. Who knows why it became iconic? – but it did."

Pat's showbiz career developed from being a

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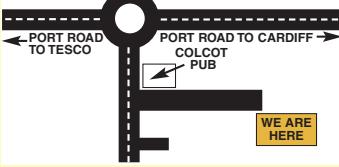
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# Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils visit the city where the Iron Curtain was brought down

YEAR-12 pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Barry, who are studying in German, visited Berlin during half term with Miss James, to practice their linguistic skills and to visit historical landmarks.

**RIGHT:**  
East Side Gallery –  
an old piece of the  
Berlin Wall.

**BELOW:** Outside  
the Stasi prison.



## Pudding tasting, entertainment & comic limericks on St David's day!

RHOOSE WI celebrated St David's day on March 1 at the village hall when the business was kept to a minimum to allow time for the main event, the eisteddfod.

It began with a limerick competition, which everyone entered with enthusiasm. A 'pudding tasting' proved very popular, with members providing and sampling a large number of deli-

cious desserts. Tea and Welsh cakes followed and then the company settled down to a programme of entertainment performed by the members themselves.

Pam Jupp produced a clever parody of Hamlet's speech entitled 'To Buy or Not to Buy'; Barbara Goodway and Joy Grant wrote and spoke about their childhood memories of Rhoose; Ray Reynolds spoke about the life of Laura Ashley and also

wrote a lovely evocative poem about walking in Portkerry Park.

Poems, both funny and moving, were chosen and read by Stella Hughes, Margaret Mortimer, Ann Harris, Shirley Hardwick and Maureen Anderson. Gloria Sparks, Barbara Goodway, Eileen Eeles and Ray Reynolds sang a lively Welsh song, accompanied on the piano by Grace Watkins.

The final item, 'Dr I'm In Trouble' per-

formed by the versatile and talented partnership of Elsa Jones and Jenny Reed, caused great amusement.

Competition winners were announced at the end of the evening. 'The Sunshine Girls' (Jenny Reed, Shirley Hardwick, Maureen Anderson and Glenys Watson) won the limerick competition and the raffle was won by Margaret Lloyd.

At the end of a very enjoyable eisteddfod, the company stood to sing the National Anthem.

At the end of the evening, members were reminded that there will be two meetings in April. The first of these will take place on April 5, when as 2011 hosts of the South Vale link, Rhoose will entertain members of the other WIs in the link with a finger buffet.

The speaker will be Mrs Anne Campbell, High Sheriff of Glamorgan. The second meeting will take place on April 7, when Mrs Christine Seaman will talk about her life as a dancer.

Both of these meetings will begin at the Village Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose at 7.30pm. Events in March: The annual lunch on March 4 at the Victoria Inn, Signstone; skittles at Rhoose Social Club on March 18 at 2pm.

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**ABOVE:**  
Students at the Brandenburg Gate.

## CCTV assists with two arrests

CCTV, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with two arrests and the location of two missing persons in the week ending March 6.

The police were contacted on 28 occasions, with one arrest made concerning being drunk in charge of a vehicle at Broad Street, Barry. A further arrest involved theft at Holton Road, Barry. In addition, two missing persons were found in Barry.



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As he listens to songs on MP3...

# Tobias is pining for green, green grass of home!



ABOVE: The generous firefighters at Barry Fire Station hand over a £700 cheque for Tobias.

PEOPLE in the Vale are always keen to hear the latest news on Tobias Lunnon, the six-year-old youngster, who was paralysed in a car crash last summer.

Tobias remains in Addenbrooke's

Hospital, Cambridge with his mum Fiona at his bedside.

Fiona said Tobias is anxious to return to Wales.

She added: "He is staying on the tilt table for longer now, 20 mins three times a week.

"He listens to his MP3 player to make

the time go faster.

"It has all his favourite songs on it like 'Does your chewing gum lose its flavour', 'Purple people eater', 'Morningtown Ride', 'Blood' by MCR, and 'The Number of the Beast' by Iron Maiden. Quite an eclectic mix!

"He is still doing well at school and whizzing through the work, and staying out in his chair for longer.

"Just recently, he went to Build a Bear in Cambridge and had a lovely time building a bear with a giggle in!"

"As he was there, he also remembered that it was his sister's birthday soon, so he built her a bear, too, which sang a happy birthday song.

"Then we went shopping – his first shopping trip in six months. He called it 'present pile-up' as he went around the shops with me letting him have whatever he wanted. Well six months with no shopping is a lot to make up!"

And Fiona wanted to say a big thanks to the men at Barry Fire Station:

"They gave me a £700 cheque for Tobias that they had raised during a 5-a-side football tournament.

"It was such a lovely gesture, and they were such kind, genuine people," she added.



Tobias gets a cwtch from mum!

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## Age Concern grant

Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale has been awarded £25,000 in recognition of its "outstanding contribution to improving health and social care among over-60s" in the region.

The charity beat more than 400 organisations from around the UK to become one of ten winners of this year's GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) IMPACT Awards, run in partnership with health think-tank The King's Fund.



Stanwell Comprehensive School pupils are pictured at the Safer Partnership offices.

## Youth PACT pupils' visit

STANWELL Comprehensive School pupils are pictured during a visit to the Safer Vale Partnership offices to learn about funding community projects on a tour of the offices at Barry Fire Station.

Schools Liaison Officer, Police Constable Emma Mudie said: "Youth PACT meetings are held in the school, in an effort to allow young people to 'have their say' on issues which affect them in the community. It allows them the opportunity to influence the allocation of key resources such as police officers, council workers and money in the same way that the general neighbourhood PACT meetings do."

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# BAYSIDE GARAGE LTD IS IN THE RUNNING FOR TOP UK SERVICE AND REPAIR TITLE

*Motor Codes – the government-backed regulatory body for the motor industry – has announced the nation's Top 50 car service and repair centres, after six weeks of voting by motorists across the UK.*

**BAYSIDE GARAGE LTD** has been nominated by motorists as one of the UK's top 50 garages for car servicing and repair in the annual Golden Garages competition ([www.goldengarages.co.uk](http://www.goldengarages.co.uk)).

In a bid to reward good customer service, motorists have voted in droves to dispel the myth that taking your

car for a service can be a nerve-racking affair.

Thousands voted in the contest, organised by the government-backed consumer watchdog for the motor industry, Motor Codes, to highlight the nation's most reliable and professional garages.

The top 50, selected from across 10 UK regions, will now progress to the final voting stage of the competition.

tion to find the UK's best workshop, with the overall winning 'Golden Garage' set to be announced on April 4, 2011.

The shortlist of garages can be found on the Golden Garages website and motorists are invited to vote in the next stage of the competition, to select the 10 best, by casting their vote online.

The national Golden Garages winner will then be chosen by a panel of expert judges, including TV personality Mike Brewer, What Car? editor-in-chief Steve Fowler, Emma Butcher, editor of Car and Accessory Trader and Motor Codes managing director, Chris Mason.

Top 10 voting for Golden Garages opened this week and closes on Sunday, March 13.

As Chris Mason explains, Golden Garages is an initiative designed to celebrate good customer service and instil confidence in the motorist: "We all need to feel secure about who to trust with our car and our money, and at Motor Codes, we're developing a network of 'safe haven' garages

committed to open and honest trading."

"The Golden Garages contest allows us to publicly recognise the commitment of these reputable garages recommended by their customers."

Motorists are able to search for garages that subscribe to Motor Codes via its online Garage Finder tool - [www.motorcodes.co.uk/garagefinder](http://www.motorcodes.co.uk/garagefinder) - and can make an informed decision on where to take their car, based on the feedback of other garage customers.

Ratings are viewable on garage profile pages and current statistics show that more than 95 per cent of Motor Codes customers would recommend their garage to friends and family.

The competition can be followed online at [www.goldengarages.co.uk](http://www.goldengarages.co.uk), as well as on twitter at <http://twitter.com/GoldenGarages>.

Motorists taking part in the voting could win a thrilling Porsche Driving Experience at the world-famous Silverstone race track. The garages compete for a prize fund totalling £12,000.

THE first food hygiene ratings for the Vale are available on the Food Standards Agency website which shows some local outlets and organisations failing to make the grade 3 'generally satisfactory' rating.

*The rating system*

## REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

*works in the following way: 0 – urgent improvement necessary; 1 – major improvement necessary; 2 – improvement necessary; 3 – generally satisfactory; 4 – good; 5 – very good.*

*The scores are part of a scheme run by local authorities in Wales,*

varies from local authority to local authority.

England and Northern Ireland to give the consumer information about food hygiene standards across their own area.

A spokesman for the Food Standards Agency explained: "Each business is given a 'hygiene rating' when it is inspected by a food safety officer from the business's local authority.

"The hygiene rating shows how closely the business is meeting the requirements of food hygiene law.

"When you eat out or shop for food, you might see a sticker in the window or on the door, or a certificate on display, showing you the hygiene rating for that business.

"Businesses are encouraged to display these stickers and certificates at their premises in a place where you can easily see them when you visit.

"The scheme is new. This means not all businesses in an area running the scheme will have a rating yet."

"At the moment, the amount of information

varies from local authority to local authority.

The GEM searched for 'all businesses that handle food in Bridgend county borough' – and a total of 258 establishments were listed.

However, an identical search in the Vale of Glamorgan listed only 26!

One establishment which is listed on the Food Standards Agency website which scored a 1 was Ashgrove School in Penarth.

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The approached the Vale Council for a comment, and a spokeswoman said: "We are aware of the report.

"This is a premises issue and there are plans in place to address the report recommendations.

"We intend on requesting a re-inspection following completion of work in the near future."

(The ratings are available at [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk))

## Local Lions hold free diabetes screening session

**THE LLANTWIT Major and Cowbridge Lions Club** will be holding a free diabetes screening session at the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge on March 19, between 10am and 12.30 pm.

*club will also be holding a book sale alongside the diabetes screening sessions in the Lesser Hall, between 10am and 4pm.*

*To donate good quality books, where 100 per cent of the funds raised will go to help good causes, contact the club on 0845 8336763.*

*During August, Lions are holding the annual Bob Cooke games in Swindon for people with disabilities.*

*Transport will be provided for competitors, along with carers.*

The tests will be carried out by fully qualified nurses and are completely confidential.

Anyone having a positive test result will then be advised to visit their GP for further tests.

On the same date, the

# March for public services

# 26 March



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We know that the Westminster Government spending cuts will damage public services and will put more than a million people (UK wide) out of work. The cuts will hit the vulnerable, damage communities and undermine much of what holds us together as a society.

In the Vale of Glamorgan, the Council are already currently consulting over the privatisation of leisure services. Not only will this have a devastating impact on those already working in leisure but anyone using their local leisure centre could find it closing or see a substantial increase in cost to use the facilities.

Libraries are another area under threat with the Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend, and Merthyr Tydfil all looking at axing fixed or mobile libraries.

The Westminster Government claim that 'there is no alternative and that we are all in this together', but we know that is just not the case. We know that it is completely unnecessary for the deficit to be eliminated in four years—we look at the deficit over the course of the last century, the current deficit is not particularly high. In fact, cutting too

fast and too deep will stifle economic growth and less tax revenue will be available. Furthermore, raising taxes such as VAT impact those on poor and middle incomes far more than those on higher earnings. Yet enormous bonuses are still being paid and those receiving them are not making a fair contribution.

We need to stand together and provide a voice for all those that have suffered unfairly at the hands of this UK government—those public service users that have seen reductions or closures to their public services, and a voice for those public sector workers that have lost their jobs. We need to show that we reject the argument that there is no alternative. Of course the recession has damaged our economy, but savage cuts will only serve to damage it further.

Put 26th March in your diary and ask your colleagues, friends and family to put it in theirs. Transport is being arranged by UNISON in the Vale of Glamorgan – contact us now to book your seat and March for the Alternative.



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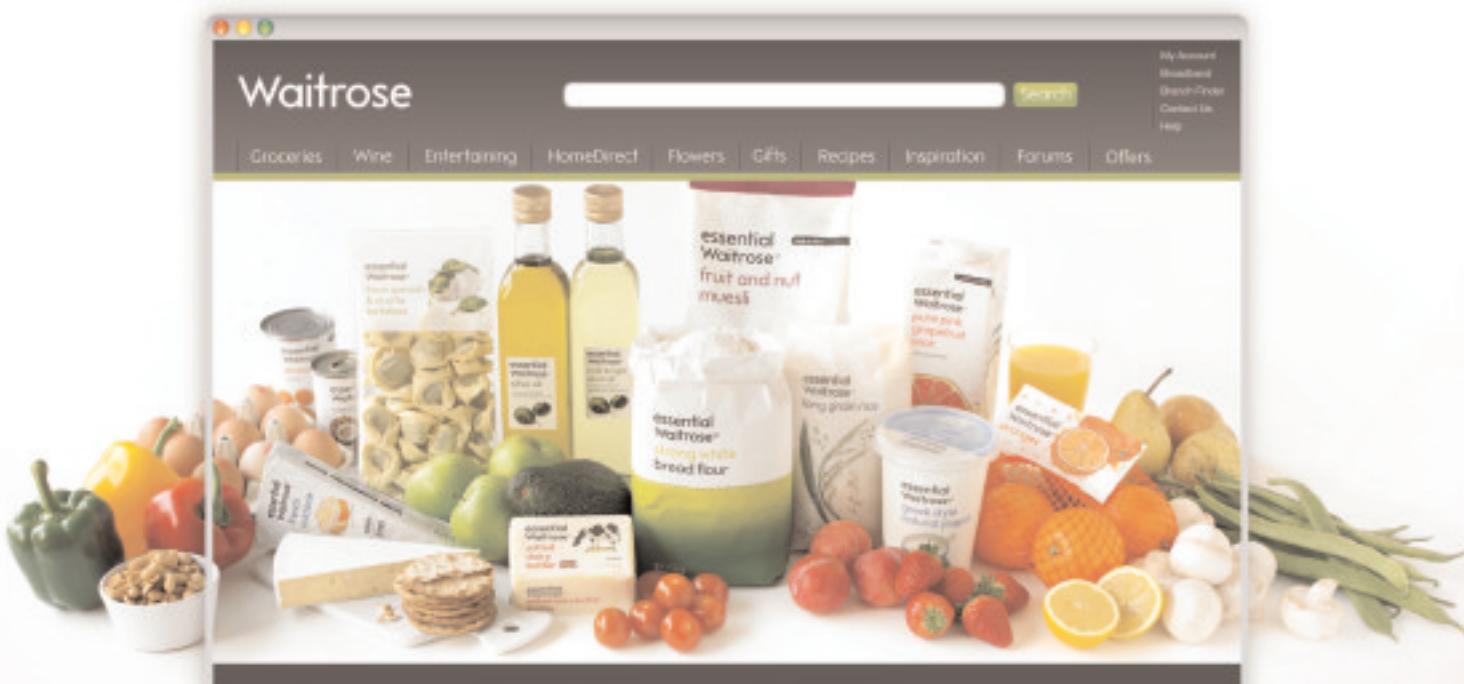


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Eager readers were challenged to an 'extreme reading competition' which required a photograph of them reading in an unusual, interesting, funny or extreme place. Congratulations to William Eddy and Mr Prickett for their winning entries.

There were lots of great entries and some of the judges' favourites are pictured here. Thanks to everyone who took part – and remember to keep reading!



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Solicitors, of Cardiff who merged with James & Bulteel and Anthony Jewell & Co of Pontypridd earlier this year.

The launch was celebrated at an event attended by south Wales business leaders at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge on St David's Day.

A keynote address was given by Dyfrig John of HSBC and a response by Peter Davies, managing partner of the newly-merged firm and president of the Cardiff Law Society.

Richard Beech said: "Glamorgan Law represents a great opportunity for us to offer our rapidly-growing client base in south Wales and else-

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THE sought-after speaker, Dr. Jonathan Hicks, returned to address the Forum last week to highlight the heroism and bravery of several of its citizens during the last world war.

He has an extensive and interesting collection of wartime photographs, both of places and people, and illustrated his talk with some of them.

It turns out that giving talks of this kind, although of great interest to those privileged to hear them, has to be done with some sensitivity, for many relations of those who gave their lives for their country at this time are still with us and grieving to this day.

Dr. Hicks is nothing if not thorough in his research, aided by internet facilities, it can be a disturbing experience, for instance, to see a photograph of the u boat commander who sank the ship on which your father was serving.

Jonathan is aware of the prob-

lems which he handles with great sensitivity, but it was one that had not previously occurred to many members present.

Dr. Hicks' talk ranged over a vast number of wartime subjects of great interest to those living in Barry and the Vale when he mentioned such diverse things as the Spitfire on King Square to raise funds for the building of more fighter planes; to pictures of 'Jive Nights' at the Bindles Social Centre (admission for civilians three shillings and sixpence - forces, two shillings and sixpence) to the large Womans' Land Army food garden in the grounds of Barry Hospital with a mention of the two Onione brothers who had died building the notorious Bridge on the River Kwai.

Several Barry men served at Arnhem and one was lined up after capture to be shot by the SS before a German officer prevented this crime from happening.

The role of honour of those involved is too large to be men-

tioned in its entirety and, in passing, it should be noted that seven names are still to be added to the official memorial at the Memorial Hall in Barry.

Perhaps it would be invidious to pick out even a few of the more outstanding heroes born in this area, but suffice it to say that Barry's sons seem to have been involved in the fiercest actions from the early bombings of Berlin, to flying on the famous Dambusters' raid that did so much to raise morale back home during a dark period. On top of this was the huge part played by so many local Barry sailors who served in the hugely dangerous waters of the Atlantic in the Merchant Navy.

At the next meeting on March 10th, Michael Chubb will speak on 'Island Farm POW Camp.'

Meetings are held at 10.30 am on Thursdays in the hall of the United Reformed Church in Barry. For further details, contact 029 20594881

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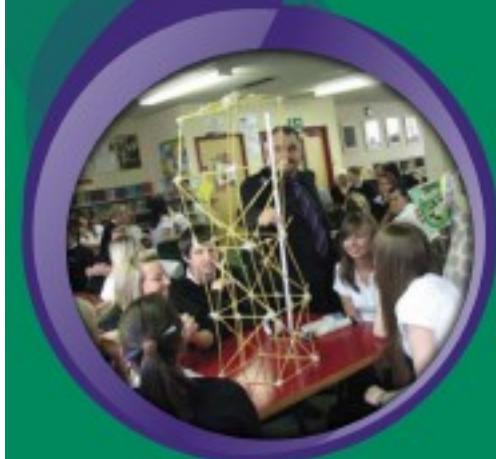
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# Driver is sentenced after crash which killed two friends

TWO teenage boys with glowing futures ahead of them died instantly when a car in which they were passengers crashed into a wall near Southerndown, after the vehicle went out of control as it travelled through a deep pool of water, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

The driver Nicholas Landon (18) of Bridgend was at the wheel of his Suzuki Swift and had passed his test a month before. He had been travelling between 64.6 mph and 71.4 mph on the narrow, badly lit road before losing control.

Landon was sentenced to 20 months in a young offender institution and disqualified from driving for three years after pleading guilty to causing the deaths of Roy Thomas and Alex Jones by careless driving.

A friend of the group, Jack Germain (19) of Bridgend, who had also been travelling at a high speed along the same road, and who was overtaken by Landon, admitted a charge of careless driving and was fined £500, ordered to pay £100 costs and was disqualified from driving for six months.

Judge Neil Bidder said Landon had taken the lives of his two passengers.

"They were all close friends, only 17, living happy and fruitful lives with great potential futures".

He added: "No sentence I impose will bring them back, nor will any sentence or words remove the pain and suffering of their family and friends."

Both men, he said, had been driving at "grossly excessive speeds".

Landon, he said, must have seen the water but effectively ignored the conditions.

"The deaths of the two have had serious consequences for their families and they have suffered intense grief."

Inexperience, he said, was a contributory factor, and the case represented

**Report by AJ SICLUNA**

a tragedy for Landon and his family. The surface water, said the judge, should not have been permitted to remain on that road.

When the police interviewed Landon, he said the incident occurred on November 16, 2009 on the Bridgend to Southerndown road near the Pelican pub.

The road had a 40-mile-an-hour limit.

Moments before the crash, Landon had overtaken a Ford Fiesta driven by Germain.

"Landon was driving in a careless manner well above the speed limit," he said. Earlier, they had all gathered at Bridgend retail park and decided to go to the coast.

Mr Jones was in the front seat with Mr Thomas in the back. All were wearing seat belts.

Driving conditions, said Mr Elias, were difficult. From CCTV footage it was established that Landon was doing between 64.6 and 71.4 mph passing the Pelican pub.

He went over the brow of a hill and ahead of him was a large puddle of deep standing water. The car hit the water and went out of control. The rear fishtailed and the nearside crashed into a boundary wall.

Mr Germain's speed near the pub was estimated at between 60.8 and 67.2 mph. When he arrived on the scene, he found the Suzuki on its side with the driver and passengers inside and he did everything possible to assist.

Only the driver, said Mr Elias, demonstrated any vital signs. A doctor arrived and found both passengers dead.

The puddle of water, he said, had been due to a blocked drain cover. There were indications that the crashed car had not braked. The vehicle hit the wall at between 40 and 50 mph.

Mr Elias said that if Landon had been driving within the speed limit he could have stopped when he saw the water and

authority staff do that.

Mr Williams said: "It represented an accident waiting to happen."

Landon would have seen the water when only five metres from it. Landon himself, said Mr Williams, was seriously injured. He was in a coma for five days with collapsed lungs, multiple fractures and a torn bladder.

"He would do everything in his power to turn back the clock. He is deeply sorry he cannot, and for what he has done."

Peter Davies, for Germain, said he immediately contacted the emergency services and tried to seek responses from those in the crashed car.

"He has lived under the cloud of this matter for some time. Luckily, he dealt with the surface water without incident.

"The profound effect of what happened will last a lifetime. It has haunted him."

Landon, the court heard, will have to take a special test of competence to drive.

## Currying favour with Eisteddfod!



LEFT: Dr Dylan Jones, chairman of the Eisteddfod's executive committee; Janet Davies, event organiser; Anhar Miah of The Mughal.

**LOCAL** fundraising for the National Eisteddfod 2012 in the Vale has got under way, with a successful first event for the Welsh St Donats area appeals committee.

Around 100 people met at Cowbridge's Mughal Emperor restaurant last Sunday evening (March 6) to enjoy a curry, raising over £900 in the process.

Event organiser Janet Davies from Prysg said: "Our first fundraising event was a great success and I am very grateful to Anhar Miah and his team at The Mughal for making us so welcome. Thanks also to everyone who attended and who contributed to the convivial atmosphere of the evening."

The next event planned by the committee is a rugby forum at The Bear Hotel on Thursday, May 19. On the question panel will be Scarlets coach and former Irish rugby union international Simon Easterby, who will be joined by other well-known rugby celebrities.

For tickets and more information about the event please contact Sian-Elin Jones on 01446 781129.

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## St David's Day celebrations at Welsh medium playgroup

THE children at Cylch Meithrin Bethesda celebrated with Welsh songs, daffodil hat making and Welsh cakes in Barry. All the staff and children dressed in national costume or something suitable in red!

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# Voters in the Vale and Bridgend are poles apart when it comes to referendum

GEM readers will probably be aware that this newspaper covers a wide area – in the main the two areas covered by the two local authorities of the Vale of Glamorgan and of Bridgend county borough.

Politically, Bridgend was held by Labour, even at the low point of the party's fortunes at the last election, while the Vale has been a key marginal for as long as anyone can remember.

However, the two areas have never been further apart than at last week's referendum on law making powers for Wales.

Bridgend was rock solid in support, with more than double the voters saying 'yes' than saying 'no'.

On a turnout of 35.4 per cent, there were 25,063 in favour (68.1 per cent of votes cast), and only 11,736 on the negative side.

However, in the Vale there was a higher turnout (39.7 per cent) but the voters came within a whisker of joining Monmouth as the only borough to say no.

The yes voters

**REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN**

totalled 19,430, gaining 52.5 per cent of the vote, while the negatives added up to 17,551.

As the only local authority to vote no was Monmouth – widely perceived to be the most Anglicised – does this mean that the Vale is the same?

Alternatively, does it mean that the Conservatives failed to get in step behind Welsh leader Nick Bourne, who was part of the all-party push for a yes vote?

Surprisingly, both yes campaigns were hailing the result a success.

Tim Thomas of Plaid

was the campaign co-ordinator for Bridgend county borough – working alongside First Minister Carwyn Jones, although he will be standing against him in the May Assembly elections – and he put the good yes result down to hard work.

He said: "I believe our close cooperation was one of the prime reasons why 68.1 per cent of the county borough voted in favour of primary law-making

powers for Wales.

"This was not only the seventh highest yes vote in Wales, but also the biggest swing in favour of a yes from the 1997 referendum in the whole of Wales."

The much narrower win in the Vale was, according to yes campaign co-ordinator and Castlemend Labour Vale Councillor, Chris Elmore, was also down to team work.

He said: "A yes vote in the Vale is incredible in my view. This is down to the hard work of all those who worked on the campaign locally, from across the political divide.

"When you consider that those who voted no in 1997 totalled almost 65 per cent of all votes cast, achieving more than 50 per cent voting yes is incredible, and just shows that people in the Vale are more supportive of the Assembly and what it is doing to improve Wales."

Coun Elmore said that over the last 12 years, voters had become more aware of how the Assembly could make a difference.

He said: "Clearly the commitment of the constituency AMs, Jane Hutt and Lorraine Barrett, and those who have served on the regional list, has also shown voters that AMs and the Assembly are committed to the many communities of Wales including the Vale."

Kevin Mahoney, who campaigned for a no vote in the Vale, felt that the resources of the yes campaign had been too much to counter.

## Leekes store introduces new Monsoon bed linen for spring

UPDATING bed linen is a quick and easy way of giving your bedroom a whole new look – and what better way to inject some fresh, spring colour into your boudoir than with the new ranges from famous high-street name, Monsoon?

Sally Coombes, bed linen expert at Leekes, said: "Like we have in other rooms in the house, we're moving away from the good old neutral palette and

gaining confidence when it comes to colour.

"As the 2011 collections from Monsoon shows, it's all about subtle colour additions that are lifting the overall look and feel of the bedroom, rather than an invasion of abstract pattern and acid brights, she said.

"It's a great time to be giving your bedroom a whole new look, Sally added."

# Police Inspector in court over child sex offences

A police inspector from the Coedpoeth area has been charged with a series of child sex offences.

South Wales Police Inspector Geraint Lloyd Evans was charged last week with five offences:

1. Conspiring with others to incite engagement in unlawful sexual activity with a child under 13;

2. Possession of Section-I ammunition;

3. Three offences of making indecent images of children;

4. Possession of four child abuse images;

5. Possession of extreme pornography.

Llanelli Magistrates Court decided that Inspector Evans will be held on remand and will appear at Swansea Crown Court tomorrow (March 11) along with three members of the public who have also been charged with offences related to indecent images of children.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is managing an investigation by South Wales Police (SWP) Public Protection Unit into allegations that 47-year-old Inspector Evans was in possession of indecent images of children.

A separate SWP criminal investigation in connection with this case has led to the arrest of four members of the public. Three have been charged and are being held on remand.

The IPCC Commissioner for Wales, Tom Davies said:

"I am satisfied that this is being thoroughly investigated. It would be inappropriate to comment further now that the judicial process has started."

SWP statement said: "A 49-year-old male from the Cardiff area, a 49-year-old male from the Neath area, and a 54-year-old male from the Ross-on-Wye area, appeared at Llanelli Magistrates Court on March 3, 2011, charged with a number of

offences related to indecent images of children,

including conspiracy to incite or engage in sexual activity with a child under the age of 13 years – contrary to Section 1.1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

"All three men were remanded in custody. They are due to appear at Swansea Crown Court on Friday, March 11."

The statement went on: "A 49-year-old male from the Ystrad Mynach

area also appeared at Llanelli Magistrates Court on March 4, charged in relation to indecent images of children, including conspiracy to incite or engage in sexual activity with a child under the age of 13 years – contrary to Section 1.1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

"He was remanded in custody and is due to appear before Swansea Crown Court on Friday, March 11..."

# Man jailed after biting an innocent passer-by

by AJ SICLUNA

A YOUNG couple walking home through the centre of Barry were the victims of a totally unprovoked attack on New Year's Eve, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Craig Harris had the side of his jaw bitten by 23-year-old Ricky Smith, who then attacked Mr Harris' girlfriend, Suzanne Ford, by rugby tackling her to the pavement, said prosecutor Tony Trigg.

Smith, of Barry, was jailed for a total of 20 months. He admitted wounding Mr Harris, causing Miss Ford actual bodily harm, and a breach of a conditional discharge for shoplifting.

Said Judge Philip Richards: "This was quite a nasty and frightening attack on two innocent people on New Year's Eve when everyone should have been happy and celebrating. You used your teeth as a weapon, as well as your fists."

Mr Trigg said that as the couple walked through Barry, they heard Smith shouting at them, something which he believed would provoke a confrontation.

He ran across the road and punched

Mr Harris hard in the face. There was a struggle and Smith lashed out and Mr Harris was stunned. Suddenly, Smith put him into a hold and bit the side of his face.

Mr Harris later said it felt as if he was trying to rip the side of his face off.

Seconds later, Smith rugby tackled Ms Ford.

Mr Harris was taken to hospital and the wound was stitched under anaesthetic. He was shocked and upset, and underwent regular blood tests to check he had no infections.

Ms Ford had grazing to her knees, scratch marks and sore ribs.

Smith was traced through CCTV footage and, said Mr Trigg, was well known to the police.

He was said to have convictions for a public order offence, assaulting the police, shoplifting, battery and theft.

Claire Pickthall representing him said: "He had a difficult childhood and has had difficulties with alcohol. There was no justification for what he did and it involved mistaken identity. He was gutted when he thought of the injuries he inflicted on Mr Harris."

# 'We aim to raise awareness on consequences of cuts' – SAYS LOCAL CAMPAIGN GROUP

TRADE UNIONS and community groups throughout the Vale have united to campaign against proposed cuts.

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engage the community and provide a voice for people who are against public spending cuts.

The 'Vale of Glamorgan Against the Cuts' (VGAC)

group says it is working to raise awareness of the impact that the cuts are having and will increasingly have within the local community.

VGAC is concerned about the long-term impacts that will arise within Cardiff and Vale healthcare as a result of the £80 million shortfall that will arise from the April 2011 budget. The group says that with such a massive budget shortfall, coupled with the application of recruitment freezes in certain areas, the impact for patients could be catastrophic.

VGAC is also alarmed that attacks are being made on essential services such as school crossing patrols facing attack – it is the right of every single school child to travel to school safely, and that level of safety is being put in jeopardy to save money.

"In Wales, we are experiencing a substantial budget reduction. There is already an education funding gap of £604 per pupil in our education system – yet Mr Cameron claims that Wales is receiving a 'fair deal'.

Frankly, I don't think Wales is receiving a fair deal. For further information about how to get involved, or to join the campaign group as an individual, or as a community group, please contact Jenny Griffin on 029 20729463.

"It really is an insult to our communities and those that work hard to deliver services

to support those communities. Our society and welfare state is being made to pay because of the mistakes made by the financial sector.

"There is £123 billion of uncollected, avoided and evaded taxes that could be collected by the UK government – yet they would rather allow those less well off in society to take the pain.

"VGAC is working to highlight these issues."

The Vale of Glamorgan Against the Cuts campaign has launched a Facebook page under the same name.

An event has also been scheduled to take place on March 12 at Barry Town Hall.

A brass band will be playing and campaign coordinators will be available to talk about any cuts or service reductions that might be concerning local people.

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# After the conclusive 'YES' vote in the Referendum on streamlining the work of the National Assembly... WALES IS MOVING ON!

**I**t has been heartening to hear the wide range of positive responses to the result of the Referendum last week, which gave a clear expression of public opinion by voting to improve the way laws are made in Wales.

I have enjoyed the last few weeks of discussion on the doorstep, in shopping areas and at meetings explaining what the referendum was all about and encouraging my constituents to vote Yes last Thursday.

*My simple message was that it would make Wales a stronger part of the UK, ensuring that laws that only affect Wales, such as health, transport, housing and education, are dealt with in Wales.*

With the combined efforts of all those involved in the Referendum campaign, the message got through to enough people to win the vote last Thursday with a respectable turn-out in the Vale of Glamorgan, given the constitutional complexities of the Referendum.

But I am also clear that we owe it to those who voted No or didn't vote at all, that we still have to prove our worth and serve their needs and meet their concerns.

Over the past year, I have been negotiating with the Chief

Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander MP, to make the case for Wales to have more flexibility in the level and management of our finances.

The One Wales Government appointed an independent Commission chaired by the economist, Professor Gerry Holtham, which reported last year.

The Commission concluded that we are underfunded by £300million as a result of the application of the out-dated Barnett formula, which is used to calculate our share of funding from the UK Government.

Gerry Holtham has proposed that a funding 'floor' be implemented to prevent further funding shortfalls emerging via this formula.

His recommendations received unanimous all-party support in the Assembly.

The Chief Secretary has said the UK Government would consider the Holtham recommendations after the Referendum and cited the importance of reducing the budget deficit as a priority.

We are playing our part in this respect, choosing to absorb the £163m revenue and capital budget cuts imposed on us last year and securing Assembly support for a budget for 2011-13, which seeks to protect our public services and support our economic recovery. I have now written to the Chief Secretary to say that

## ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM  
(Assembly Minister for Business and Budget)

the positive result from the Referendum should now give the green light to opening meaningful discussions about the Holtham Commission recommendations for fairer funding mechanisms for Wales.

The First Minister, Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM made a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, March 8 on 'the next steps' following the positive result on Thursday and he said that moving forward with the Holtham recommendations was part of the work that needed to be taken forward.

We have a range of responsibilities as elected representatives and Ministers serving in the

National Assembly for Wales, crafting the right policies for Wales, ensuring that we have an adequate funding base and developing legislation when it is appropriate to do so.

As Carwyn Jones said this week: "Thursday's Referendum was more than the streamlining of the law-making process – it demonstrated that Wales is an ambitious country, eager to get on."

I am eager to play my part, as Finance Minister, to ensure we have an adequate funding base, albeit constrained by UK Government cuts, taking our share of the budget deficit reduction, but making the clear case for an improved and fairer settlement.

We engage with the UK Government with a stronger voice as a result of last week's vote and as one young person who went out to vote yes, said to me on Friday: "The world has moved on as a result of the vote!"

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# CARDIFF ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

## More than meets the eye!

# BARRY PROVIDES STRENGTH AND VARIETY IN ITS LOCAL ECONOMY!

by TIM CHAPMAN

The health of any economy is the provision of a wide variety of businesses, offering a number of services – and on both counts Cardiff Road and the local industrial estates score highly.

Not only are there service-related companies offering vital support to the local community and other businesses, there are manufacturers and product providers, too.

Glamorgan Garden Timber Products is a niche supplier of 'garden

furniture'. Philip Harding, the manager, explained: "We have fencing, trellis work, bird houses, garden chairs, picnic benches and wishing wells.

"The products are made in Bridgend, but shortly we will be making them in the unit next door."

The company, which opened last year, can even supply small quantity orders the same day.

With the spring and summer months under way, it is expecting a busy time, as local people plan what to do in their gardens this year.

The astonishing variety of the businesses in



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the area is shown by Baymarine Services (Marine) Ltd, which offers its services not just in the UK but abroad too.

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## More than meets the eye!

**Matthew Thomas of Asguard helps with asbestos removal and surveys.**



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The company started in 2005 and is HSE licensed. Manufacturing and B2B companies are also complemented in the Palmerston and Cadotown areas by strong retail concerns.

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Simon revealed: "We aim to cut out the middleman to keep prices low."

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For those wanting a cheery welcome and something to eat in the morning, there are few better places to visit than Bakers Baguettes, which offers a £1.99 breakfast deal from



Glamorgan Garden Timber Products is a niche supplier of 'garden furniture'.

7.30am to 11am.

Angela Baker, the owner, said: "We provide a wide selection of baguettes, sandwiches, paninis, hot foods like chicken curries, omelettes, jacket potatoes, tea and coffee and soft drinks."

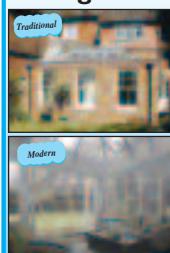
Bakers Baguettes trades Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 3pm.

1st Line Taxis runs 40 vehicles throughout the Vale, but the manager Mr Iqbal Miah promised: "We'll go anywhere in the world!"

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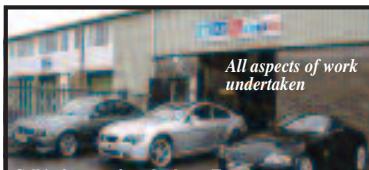
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## PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS ROUND-UP

# Paddling in the footsteps of the Vale's Iolo Morgannwg!

**S**I X ramblers headed by Rachel, made their way to the pretty village of Llanbetherwy and were shown a dummy airstrip, put in place to lure enemy aircraft away from the RAF airbase at nearby St Athan.

The lane comes to an abrupt end at the Thaw Valley, where the River Thaw winds its way down to Aberthaw on its journey to the sea. They were met with flooding, but paddled across the valley to join the footpath to Flemington.

On Flemington Moor there once stood a medieval village but there are no traces, except for a mention on the OS Map. Reaching Flemington Court, an early 16th century fortified manor house, the group heard about Iolo Morgannwg, Bardic name of Edward Williams, who was born at Pen-onn near Llancarfan, but raised in Flemington.

In 1789, he produced a collection of poems by Dafydd ap Gwilym from the late 14th cen-



Getting their boots wet!

tury, including poems he had allegedly found, and in 1792 he founded the Gorsedd community of Welsh bards in London.

After his death, it was discovered that he had written many poems and passed them off as well known poets' work.

The group made their way by track and field to St Hilary, where they could look back towards Beaupre Castle, home of the Bassett family.

They passed East Down and cut across fields to The Garn,

passing close to the ruined 16th century Llantrithyd Place whose hidden landscaped garden is apparently deemed as important as Abergasney, which is set in the Tywi Valley in Carmarthenshire.

The group stopped at St Illtyd's church for lunch, sitting in a sun trap surrounded by snowdrops, crocus and daffodils, then made their way back to Llantrithyd.

On March 12, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile mod/hard walk

taking in Black Mountain, Table Mountain and Pen Alt Mawr; contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

On March 13, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 11-mile moderate walk at Monmouth, the Kymmin, Newland and Redbrook; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On March 15, the mid-week walk will leave Sully church at 10.30am for a 6/7-mile easy/moderate walk in the area; contact Viv and Val on 029 2053 1045.

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## Staff swim from Dover to Calais!



Above: A route map in case they got lost on the way!

## Splashing out for the Breast Care Centre

EMPLOYEES from the Ortho Clinical Diagnostics (OCD) facility in Pencoed took to the water recently, taking up a challenge to raise funds for the Breast Centre Cardiff and Vale at Llandough Hospital.

As part of the popular 'Lengths for Life' fund raising campaign, employees chose to take a dip at nearby Pencoed Swimming Pool, using their lunchtime breaks as the perfect opportunity to complete lengths.

Funds raised by the campaign will be used to purchase equipment for the Breast Care Centre and invest in new tech-

nology.

A spokeswoman said: "Staff were set the challenge of swimming the equivalent of the English Channel during the month of February. The trip from Dover to Calais and back is an impressive 52.4 mile in total, which translates to 3,372 lengths of the pool.

but the group went on to swim an additional 701 lengths. The team can now officially add to the 'Lengths for Life' total having raised an impressive £2,000 so far."

Pencoed swimming pool centre manager, David Howley commented: "It's great to have people using our facility to raise money for charity.

"Lunchtime swimming is increasingly popular, as it offers customers a chance to unwind during a busy day. We've enjoyed getting behind the team and all of us at the centre would like to say congratulations to everyone who took part."

### VALE PACT

COURT PACT, Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, March 10 at 7pm;

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, March 25 at 6pm;

DYFAN PACT, Barry Comprehensive School, March 29 at 6pm;

P E N D O Y L A N Community Council, Pendoylan School, March 10 at 7.45pm;

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, Llantwit Leisure Centre, March 22 at 7pm;

STANWELL PACT, Stanwell Comprehensive School, 7pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing or log onto www.ourboby.com

Pupils around the school also got a chance to bake and eat traditional Welsh cakes with the help of headteacher Mrs Owen.

• Children of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig, pictured in their traditional Welsh costumes on St David's Day.



The children dressed in their traditional Welsh costumes.



Children of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig, pictured in their traditional Welsh costumes on St David's Day.

## What town thought when market was under threat

WHEN The GEM went out and about in Cowbridge last week to ask local people what they felt should the historic cattle market be forced to close, the mood was downbeat – but then no-one was expecting it to have a reprieve! (See story on page 1)

Our snap survey followed speculation that the market would close at the end of the month, after negotiations between the Vale Council and the operators, Glamorgan Marts, broke down.

We asked people what they wanted to see happen to the cattle market:

25% of those asked wanted to see a car park there; 75% wanted the cattle market to stay, and nobody wanted to see another supermarket built on the site.

At present, the cattle market is open only on Tuesday each week. The rest of the time the site is used as a car park for people visiting the town.

When interviewed after parking his car on the cattle market site, Mr Roger Hellwell said, in reference to the market: "For the use that it gets, better it be closed."

There has been speculation that the site is being considered for development by a supermarket.

When asked if he would prefer a supermarket there, Mr

Hallowell said: "I don't know if a supermarket is the answer."

Should the site be a car park, five days a week, rather than four?

Mr Harris, whose wife is a farmer's daughter, stressed we would be "losing our heritage." He admitted the site was used more as a car park nowadays but did not want to see the market go.

Mr Newbury, a resident of Llantrisant, said the market was "hardly used." His lack of concern for its closure was echoed by Mrs Gibson,

who said she was "not affected" and "just used the town for shopping."

Mr Owens and Mrs Doreen Lewis each expressed concern for the distance farmers would have to travel to trade. Mrs. Lewis has a nephew who travels from west Wales to Cowbridge market each week.

Leisure centre prices set to rise

THE Vale Council is to increase its charges for leisure activities by 3.75 per cent at the end of this month.

The prices will rise on April 1, and all prices will be rounded up to the nearest five pence.

Back on January 1, 2010, the council froze the prices of certain leisure centre activities for a 15-month period. Included in the freeze were swimming charges, health suite and gym fees, and the membership of classes.

April 1 sees the end of that period, and the new price scale was revealed to the scrutiny committee (economy and environment), on Tuesday (March 8).

The two main factors

behind the price rise, says the report, are the rise in VAT from 17.5 to 20 per cent (which came into force on January 1) and the rising cost of energy – something that "leisure centres are very dependent on".

The only area that might escape the rise is Life Style and Fitness. The report says that these provide the largest income and the most profit in the Vale.

As a result, the council is conducting a market survey to check whether a price rise would have a "detrimental effect".

If the answer comes back that it would be detrimental, there will be further discussion with the cabinet member for tourism and leisure, Coun Anthony Ernest.

Adrian Evans, county executive officer for Farmers Union Wales, understood their angst. He said that he was "very surprised that there was no consultation with farmers," concerning the decision to close.

Having written to the Vale Council on behalf of FUW, Mr Evans described the market as a "vital service and very important to economic life in the Vale."

Heather Mo, an employee of The Horse and Groom, agreed with his sentiments. She described the closure as a "shame" and the "end of an era."

Kelvyn Dark told how he had only seen a small number of farmers attend the market in recent times. As a stone mason working in the vicinity of the market, he described it as an

"eyesore" and said a supermarket would bring more people into the town."

However, it has been argued that the closure of the market is deterring farmers from visiting Cowbridge, will have a profound affect on local tradesmen.

Peter John, from the agricultural retailer, Arthur John, said there was "considerable concern for the effect the market closure would have on the business."

His work colleague, Bill Jones said that "with the closure, farmers will go to Abergavenny and Carmarthen markets. They will be the towns that benefit instead of Cowbridge."

There are conflicting views over how the closure will affect local businesses.

Deborah Parker said that a "supermarket rather than a cattle market would be more likely to bring passing trade to the boutiques in the town."

One resident, who did not want to be named, made the point that "while there is no other use for the site it should stay open. It characterises Cowbridge and it would be a shame to see it go after all these years."

The general consensus was that it does not make sense to lose the cattle market when there is no suitable replacement for the value it brings to Cowbridge.

It begs the question, when the town says goodbye to the cattle market at the end of this month, what will be an appropriate substitute? JO PRICE

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## The rural Vale builds on its timeless virtues, to develop a bright future

**A**t the very heart of the rural Vale – and this is hardly a surprise – is the hands-on role played by local farmers.

The local countryside is inextricably linked to the type of farming that takes place, whether it be the wide open spaces along the coast where sheep graze, or the fields divided by neat hedgerows that line the many lanes in the area.

It could be argued that those hedgerows

and fences have kept non-farmers out, fostering a town and country mentality – but things are changing rapidly, as Adrian Evans, the county executive officer at the Farmers' Union of Wales, told The GEM.

He said: "The farming community is aiming to invite more people to visit working farms, which are fascinating places."

"On June 12, farmers will be inviting visitors to discover at first hand all about life on Britain's farms and find out for themselves what happens beyond the

farm gate. This annual event is a must for anyone interested in how farmers produce our food, and the ways they care for our countryside too."

The event is called 'Open Farm Sunday' and the Welsh regional co-ordinator, Eira Edwards, commented: "We often hear farmers say no-one will be interested in my farm – but those who haven't taken part will be surprised!"

She added that a series of workshops is available to farmers, run by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), to help them plan to welcome visitors.

The first takes place on Monday, March 14, at Slade Farm in St Bride's Major.

Annabel Shackleton, an Open Farm Sunday manager, said: "Last year, more people attended Open Farm Sunday events than Glastonbury, and we're keen to build on that success and see even more farms across the country taking part."

"The workshops themselves are relaxed and informal – there is something for everyone, however large or small an event."

Now in its sixth year, Open Farm Sunday gives the public the opportunity to discover where their food comes from and how farmers care for the countryside.

More than 450 farms across the UK are expected to open. The scheme has proved good for both hosts and guests, as Annabel explained: "There are real business benefits too for those farmers who host events.

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by PHILIP IRWIN

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## A GREAT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS!

There is a strong recognition these days that diversification should be a strong element in the business plan for farmers, particularly in the Vale.

Things have moved on in recent years and now many farms are creating new rural businesses in a variety of areas.

Outside Cowbridge, John Homfray has developed a composting business which now takes all the kitchen waste and green waste from the Vale Council's street collections.

Many farms are looking at solar powered roof paneling or small wind turbines to supply their own electricity and sell the balance back to the National Grid.

A new scheme, administered by the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities team, will be offering grant aid to encourage farming businesses to branch out into medium and budget price holiday accommodation – perhaps good quality bungalows, or caravan and campsite provision.

This grant aid is also available for guided nature tours or 'rural skills packages'.

However, amid all the new ideas for developing the rural economy, the traditional areas remain strong.

One company with great faith in the future of the Vale is Frank Sutton Ltd, who hold the John Deere franchise and moved to St Mary Hill in the Vale just over a year ago.

Ben Sutton told The GEM: "We always did business in the Vale, but felt that our base in Raglan was not near enough.

"This is our first full season here and the response has been excellent. The Vale is definitely a great place to do business!"

## Delight as Cowbridge Cattle Market is given a reprieve!

THERE was delight in the farming community this week when it was announced that Cowbridge Cattle Market will continue for at least another 12 months.

The threatened closure meant that livestock would have to be

transported to the nearest markets at Carmarthen or Abergavenny.

The threatened closure had also been opposed by local town and community councils.

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The next three scheduled dates are: April 5, May 12 and June 16.

Anyone wishing to perform with the house band should email [Nikki@furnessjones@aol.com](mailto:Nikki@furnessjones@aol.com) and list the songs you would like to perform, or contact 07916 342370.

IF the success of the Bourne films has achieved anything, then it's making quite a big star out of Matt Damon; having taken the ball and run with it in the likes of *Green Zone*, *The Informant!* and *True Grit*, the star is now in a position where he can choose to work with any leading director.

So it is all the more refreshing to see him work with first-time director George Nolfi in *The Adjustment Bureau*.

Damon plays David Norris, a political candidate whose disillusionment with his election is tempered by a chance meeting with a woman called Elise (Emily Blunt). She vanishes into the night, only for Norris to track her down again on the bus; however, this second meeting sets off alarm bells and a shadowy group, known only as *The Adjustment Bureau*, must stop David and Elise from being together...

The *Adjustment Bureau* is a difficult film to classify; perhaps its closest relative is *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, in as much as both films deal with love, albeit with a peculiar twist. The difference is

that *The Adjustment Bureau* is all about that first meeting, the infinite possibilities of love, mixed with an existential look at how important fate and free will are in our lives – it is also an absolutely mesmerising piece of cinema.

George Nolfi is hardly a newcomer; having written the final part of the Bourne franchise, along with *Ocean's 12* and *The Sentinel* among others, but this is his first time behind the camera, something that very rarely shows.

Nolfi's direction is particularly stylish, the film making the most of the New York location. He stamps a visual identity on the film, yet grounds the more peculiar aspects so that you concentrate wholly on the story.

A muted use of special effects adds a degree of urgency to proceedings, but all is marshalled with aplomb by Nolfi, whose work with the likes of Paul Greengrass and Steven Soderbergh has seemingly rubbed off.

Loosely adapted from a Philip K Dick story, Nolfi's script is also well executed. Starting off as a love story with a clever meet-cute, Nolfi then throws in the curveball of the bureau, which sud-

denly takes the story into a new realm.

However, Nolfi's subtle way of introducing this element of the story works superbly; while just exactly who the bureau are goes unanswered, yet is hinted at, it doesn't annoy or anger, Nolfi concentrating more on characterisation than fanciful notions.

The film plays on two levels without feeling overdone or undercooked and he weaves in the notions of love and fate, yet doesn't labour upon them to the detriment of the pacing, keeping the story moving at all times.

There are more than a few plot holes if you are willing to look hard enough, the passing of

time seemingly failing to dampen love no matter how poorly you've been treated in particular, but Nolfi's script works very well, adding a dollop of wry humour into the mix and keeping things light.

If course, in love stories, existential or not, you need to have two characters, and actors, who convince you to root for them, and both Matt Damon and Emily Blunt do an exceedingly good job of that here.

Damon, who has hit a rich vein of form lately, is wholly engaging as a man who is driven and ambitious, yet shows a hint of fragility beneath the surface, and as the story progresses, carries the weight of events.

Damon does the role of man fighting against the odds well.

Opposite him, Emily Blunt is absolutely wonderful. You can wholly buy into the character of David falling head over heels for her. She is witty and full of charisma, yet also beguilingly tender as the bureau try and keep the two apart.

Given their mysterious origins, the men from the bureau tasked with stopping the pair aren't short of character. Anthony Mackie is quietly dignified as the agent tasked with following Norris,

and whose empathy for the pair's plight sets the narrative ball rolling.

John Slattery parlays his *Mad Men* cool into a sardonic agent who almost seems resigned to the eventual outcome; with Terrence Stamp as the bureau agent known as 'The Hammer' exuding casual menace, there is nary a weak turn on show from the cast.

While the eventual outcome comes straight from the romance genre cliché book, it almost slips by unnoticed, so wholly are you rooting for the two characters.

What Nolfi has succeeded in doing is merging two disparate genres, creating a film that is a truly wonderful watch; *The Adjustment Bureau* is a captivating way to spend 105 minutes of your life.

**VERDICT** – A tender love story wrapped up in layers of questions about fate, free will and the choices we make, *The Adjustment Bureau* is a superb piece of work.

Well scripted and directed by George Nolfi, coupled with excellent turns by a top-notch cast, in particular Matt Damon and Emily Blunt, *The Adjustment Bureau* is a charmingly intelligent effort.

**Highly recommended.**

## SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

denly takes the story into a new realm.

However, Nolfi's subtle way of introducing this element of the story works superbly; while just exactly who the bureau are goes unanswered, yet is hinted at, it

doesn't annoy or anger, Nolfi concentrating more on characterisation than fanciful notions.

The film plays on two levels without feeling overdone or undercooked and he weaves in the notions of love and fate, yet doesn't labour upon them to the detriment of the pacing, keeping the story moving at all times.

There are more than a few plot holes if you are willing to look hard enough, the passing of

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# Out and About with The GEM

## Art exhibition in Penarth gallery opens

**AN exhibition opens this week at the Washington Gallery, staged by Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd (PACL) entitled**

**'Tracks and Traces' – a collaboration between photographer Sam Hughes and printmaker Joseph (Jo) Field.**

**Work will be displayed in the lower gallery from March 7 – March 26, with an opening night on Friday (March 11) from 7pm – 9pm. Entrance is £2 and there is a pay bar available.**

**Jo Field is exhibiting a series of collagraphs, 'Rural tensions', which are a**

**personal comment on the tensions and pressures faced by rural communities in the early part of the 21st Century.**

**Sam Hughes' photographs, taken inside the Penarth Pavilion last autumn, aim to depict the mysterious beauty that can be found in dereliction.**

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## LOCAL EISTEDDFOD GROUP SET TO MEET

**THE first meeting of the local committee that has taken on the task of raising money to support the 2012 National Eisteddfod when it comes to Llandow, will take place on Monday, March 14, at 7pm in Illtud's 216 restaurant, Llantwit Major.**

**Each area of the Vale has been asked to raise funds for the event, and Ros Lewis is the spokeswoman for the group covering St Donat's, Llantwit, Llanmaes and St Athan.**

**She said: "Our group has a rather challenging target of £42,500, and we would like as many people to get involved in the fundraising as possible.**

**"This is a chance to come along and meet members of the organising committee and discuss how to get involved."**

**There will be free coffee at the meeting. For further information, contact Ros Lewis on 01446 793530, or by e-mail on rlewis@llantwit.orangehome.co.uk**

### Flower arrangers

**PENCOED Flower Arranging Society have a meeting on Monday, March 21 at 7pm in Pencoed College, with a talk by Kevin Thomas of Pencoed on 'The Flower Arranger's Garden'.**

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**A G'NIGHT with the Waltons – Terry Walton – is offered by Cowbridge Gardening Club at 7.30pm on Thursday, March 31.**

**Terry Walton is well known in the gardening world for his horticultural spot on the Jeremy Vine show on Radio 2.**

**He has had an allotment for over 50 years on the same site, and will be keen to pass on his gardening knowledge.**

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**RIGHT: Ann Townson and Mel Palmer-Forse celebrate International Women's Day.**

**PAINTER Ann Townson and ceramic sculptor Mel Palmer-Forse give feminist perspectives on domestic crockery in an exhibition, 'In House', celebrating 100 years of International Women's Day, at the Travellers Gallery,**

**Broad Street Station, Barry until April 7.**

**Both artists are members of VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists) and volunteer their time and professional expertise in partnership with Mind in the Vale to help run the gallery which is located in the Travellers in Mind Café.**



## Ty Hafan lottery results

**THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D660.**

**• £2,000: 329031.  
• The rollover, which now stands at £1,000, was not won this week.  
• £10: 5 8 9 2 1 5 , 821202, 392022, 629840, 208402, 501235, 548899, 594699, 518342, 750958, 328336, 530046, 699366, 416556, 336487, 814503, 492041, 473905, 751880, 547348.**

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On February 26, an early St David's Day fair was opened by the reigning Miss Wales, Courtenay Hamilton.

Appearing during the afternoon were Barry Brass Band, Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do, and Positive Photographic Images, where the so-called were demonstrating digital photography tricks.

The Desert Divas give a belly dancing display, and there was an exhibition by the Baruc Art Group.

Of course, as with any good fair, there were cakes, jewellery, arts and crafts, Fairtrade products... and much more!

*More photographs and videos of the event can be viewed on [www.valeevents.co.uk/porthceri](http://www.valeevents.co.uk/porthceri)*



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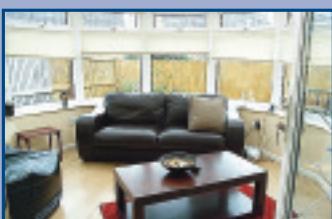
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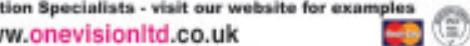
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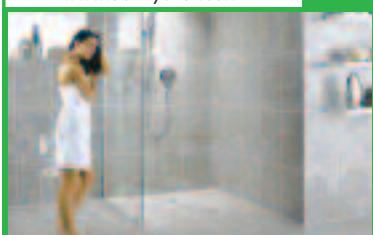
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Comments or representations can be made within one month from February 17th, 2011.

**Notice of application for a Premises Licence under the Gambling Act 2005**

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is applying for a Betting (Other) premises licence under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The application relates to the following premises: Coral, 145 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HP

The application has been made to:

Licensing Section, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU

Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application.

Any of the following persons may make representations in writing to the licensing authority about the application:

A person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities

A person who has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities

A person who represents someone in any of the above two categories.

Any representations must be made by the following date: 6th April 2011.

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Peacefully on March 3 at her home in Llanblethian, Margaret Edwards B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., C.P.H. Beloved wife of the late David, dearly loved mother of Bryan and Richard, dear mother-in-law of Sarah and Jane, much loved by all her grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, March 14th, service 1.45pm at Llanblethian Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu if desired for the purchase of equipment at the Haematology Dept., Llandough Hospital. Please make cheques payable to W James & Sons Charity Account c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

**WALKER Jayne Ann**

Peacefully after a long illness bravely borne on February 25, 2011 at Marie Curie Hospice, Holme Towers, Penarth, aged 49 years.

Loving wife to Stephen, much-loved mother to Rory and Elin, beloved daughter to Ann and Neil, sister to Catherine.

Will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at AG Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral service in St Mary Church, Penkern on Monday March 14, 2011 at 2pm, followed by a committal service at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.45pm. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Towers, Bridgeman Road, Penarth CF64 3YR.

*By Jayne's request, Welsh rugby shirts to be worn at the service, please.*

**THOMAS Doctor Peter**

Peacefully on February 27 at The Manor House, St Hilary, in his 91st year. Dr Peter Thomas MD of Llysnewy. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy, dearly loved father of Philip, Jeremy and Anna-Peta, much loved by all his grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Private family service at Llysnewy Church, followed by public service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Thursday March 17 at 11.30am.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

**SMITH, Diane**

Peacefully at home following a long illness, Diane was loved by her husband Michael and sons Jeremy and Philip. She also leaves her grandson Arran and granddaughter Angelina.

For 25 years Di was the very popular head of French at St John's School, Porthcawl and a keen member of Cowbridge choir. Di was an enthusiastic member of Llantwit Major Twinning Association and was chairman for two years.

The funeral service will be held at 9am Saturday 12th March at St Iltyd's Church, Llantwit Major. Cremation will follow at 10.30am at Coychurch Crematorium. Flowers to WA Brown, Funeral Directors, Llantwit Major.

**JOHN NEWTON**

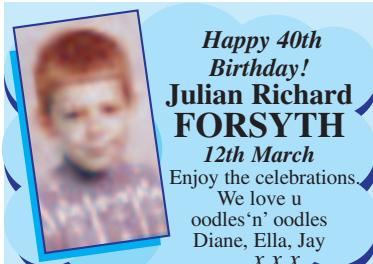
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## LEAGUE TITLE WITHIN GRASP...

# Clinical Sully Sports put View to the sword

**SULLY SPORTS  
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**SULLY** continued their title challenge with a convincing win over local rivals Sea View.

The match started in typical derby fashion with the visitors taking the game to the South Road outfit, but Sully Sports started to settle and get their game together.

Sully pressured the visitors' line, and the home side, now showing a more streetwise approach, varied their handling, resulting in a try by Mike Mees.

As Sully got off the mark, the forwards started to dominate their opposition both at the scrum and through their well-oiled pick and drive tactics, and their persistence paid off with hooker Jason Newland going over from a short break.

The try of the match came through some deft handling, with full-back Lee Walters finishing off to touch down in the corner unchallenged and end the first half on top.

The second half started much like the first. Sea View's attacks diffused by a superb Sully Sports team defence.

Sully continued their clever approach and when an overlap was created, the South Road outfit let the ball do the work to allow full-back Lee Walters to touch down for his second try.

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## Pumas reach semi-finals

WITH the crazy rules that are enforced by the Cardiff Lazarou Sunday league, all games must be played on Sundays, and before May.

So, with a bad winter like we've just had, many teams must play more than two games in a day.

This was the case on Sunday for Barry Pumas, who played Division 1 high flyers Wolfs Castle in the Lazarou Challenge Cup round 3, with the winner playing in the quarter final straight after.

Pumas came out all guns blazing and scored almost immediately thanks to Scott Christopherato, and doubled their lead a few minutes later with a goal by Spencer Lamb.

The tables were turned in the second half and Wolfs Castle scored two goals to level the score and force extra time, which saw Pumas take the lead again after Callum Taylor scored from close range.

In the last minute of extra time, Mark Atherton fouled the opposing striker in the



ABOVE: Action from the game.

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## Rhoose under-12s edge game

RHOOSE FC were looking to continue their good form against a strong Holton Road team.

Rhoose took the lead when Josh Morgan weaved his way through a number of challenges, before finding Cameron Leach in space who laid off Mitch McCabe, and he passed the ball into the net.

Holton came back strong and were rewarded with a well deserved goal.

Rhoose defenders Patrick O'Carroll, Ryan Hughes and Edward

box to give them a chance to take the game to penalties. However, Michael Lewis made a fine save to put Pumas through to the next round. Final score 3-2 (aet).

In this second game, Pumas were slow out of the blocks, and quarter-final opponents Heath Park Rangers scored the only goal of the first half.

The Barry team drew level, as an inch-perfect pass from Marcus Jones found Jamie Randall to slot past the 'keeper.'

It was extra time again for Pumas and they gained the advantage when Lamb scored from the spot.

At the other end of the pitch, a goalkeeper-style save from defender Jones earned Rangers a goal from the spot and him a red card. Two of Heath Park's players were also dismissed after using foul language towards the referee.

Four minutes from time, Randall scored again with what turned out to be the winner for Barry Pumas.

The semi-finals beckons with the final score 3-2 (aet).

MORGAN STEPHENS

Thomas worked hard to limit the number of opportunities.

Midway through the second half, Lee Bartlett found Jay Munn out on the right wing.

With three defenders around him, he managed to send over a high cross which was met on the volley by Mitch McCabe, giving the goalkeeper no chance.

Rhoose were determined to hang on to their lead with Jordan Evans, Andrew Wilson and Jordon Holt all making important challenges.

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## The Rams take the sting out of the Scorpions

SOUTH WALES Scorpions were out-classed by a higher division team on Sunday when Championship side Dewsbury Rams knocked them out of the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

It wasn't the best of starts for new director of rugby Mark Rowley who saw his side go down 62-6 to the far more experienced Yorkshire side.

Scorpions finally opened their account nine minutes into the sec-

**South Wales Scorpions  
Dewsbury Rams**

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tants, three of whom were playing their first ever professional rugby league game, were given a tough introduction after the visitors went 32-0 up at half-time.

Dewsbury always looked in control and the Scorpions were no match for their size, strength and speed.

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## Cadoxton rue crucial decisions by referee

THIS tense South Wales Senior Cup quarter-final between Llantwit Major and Cadoxton Barry FC eventually hinged on a brilliant diving save from Llantwit's Jack Lansdown.

The home side held on to win 2-1, but the Cadoxton faithful maintained that he should not have been on the field, after an incident 15 minutes earlier.

Lansdown found himself in a one on one with Jermaine Martyn chased down a high through ball out of defence. The goalkeeper managed to palm the ball away to safety, but appeared to be two yards out of his area.

Spectators waited for the whistle to see if the obligatory red card would be waved, but play continued.

The early exchanges were even, though Cadoxton keeper Norris was forced into bringing off a quality save with his legs as

early as the third minute.

Gradually, Llantwit began to gain the upper hand and scored in the 15th minute when Norris was unable to hold a shot from Tom Bevan, and Stewart Lindsay was on hand to bury the rebound.

Cadoxton Barry attacked down the left and good play by Ross Weekley saw his cross reach Christian Mills, who calmly slotted the ball into the right hand corner of the net, just beyond Lansdown's outstretched fingers.

Llantwit Major's lead had lasted just 30 seconds.

As half-time approached Llantwit's Faux went to ground claiming a penalty, but the referee awarded a free kick in the other direction.

As the second half progressed, Llantwit were still seeing more of the ball, while Cadoxton Barry were looking comfortable at the back – until disaster struck.

Once again, Cadoxton fans

were not pleased by the referee's interpretation of a coming together between Hurn and Lindsay that left Hurn flat on the grass.

Llantwit's Lindsay was able to shoot past the helpless Norris for what proved to be the winning goal.

This was followed by the 'Lansdown incident' and, although Llantwit were the dominant force for much of the match, both Cadoxton fans and team headed home with a strong sense of grievance.

However, all that is now in the past and Cadoxton Barry return to the main business of ensuring South Wales Senior League Division One safety.

It is still a big ask, but with none of the basement sides earning more than one point, it is still achievable – particularly if they can continue to display the commitment shown in recent matches.

NEIL WHITE

## Dinas under-19s are wrong side of a nine-goal thriller

**DINAS POWYS under-19s faced Llanelli's academy under-19s in the MacWhirter Youth Cup last Sunday and were unlucky not to get the result their hard work deserved.**

In extra time Dinas continued to try and pass the ball around, but tired legs were beginning to show as some sloppy passing began to creep into the game.

One of these mis-

placed passes allowed a Llanelli midfielder to slide a pass in behind the Dinas defence for Orme to complete his hat-trick and put Llanelli 5-4 in front.

This was a good performance by Dinas against the current cup holders and was a good learning curve, playing against 2 or 3 of the Llanelli players who have Welsh Premier experience.

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got onto a ball in the box, game level. Just beating the keeper to Dinas took the lead poked the ball into the again with 20 minutes to empty net.

Llanelli began the second half in a determined mood and dominated possession for the first 10 minutes but the Dinas back four of James Marr, Rhys Davies, James Bloxham and Nicky Bruce were in outstanding form.

Llanelli doubled their lead 5 minutes later, when the excellent Adam Orme managed to beat his marker and place the ball into the bottom corner.

Llanelli were working hard to get back into the game and, after a couple of half chances, Dimitri Fallas pulled one back with a neat turn and shot from 20 yards.

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Dinas got the equaliser 5 minutes later, when some good work down the left flank by Ben Ah Mun produced a cross that striker Matthew Tucker slotted past the keeper.

Dinas went in front five minutes before half time, when Tucker again converted.

The Vale started well, with telling tackles in midfield by Rhys Bradshaw, Bevan Howell and Harrison Ashby. From such pressure, the ball was spilled in the Vale 22 and Rhidian Williams pounced on the loose ball to feed Joseph Williams, who weaved a mazy 70-metre run to score unopposed from the posts; Howell converted.

It was all Cynon Valley for the remainder of the match with Vale giving away penalties and making handling errors which the home side capitalised from, eventually scoring two close range tries and converting one to make the final score 12-21.

The only other score in the first half came to the Vale by Bevan Howell, breaking the defensive line from a penalty and striding 60 metres to score and convert himself.

A pleasing result for the Vale team, showing their advantage in the

## Frosty reception for the Vale under-11s

**VALE Schools under-11s triumphed at a frosty Aberdare rugby club against Cynon Valley Schools under-11s by 21-12.**

The Vale team came away worthy winners, scoring three converted tries under the posts each time to Cynon's two tries and one conversion.

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Rhydian Williams bursts through.

backs to great effect and after switching to scrum-half close to the line, but a committed forward effort to thwart the Vale forwards getting a much needed third try. Rhydian Williams received the ball 10 metres out and ran hard at the line to score under the posts; Howell converted.

Vale squad: Jake Griffiths, Max Lucas, Fin Davies, Max Cunningham, Reuben Williams, Haaris Kahn, Cameron Roy, Sam Corkhill, Jac Roberts, Rhys Durlucia (captain), Ioan Williams, Ioan Lewis, Rhys Bradshaw, Rhydian Williams, Rhys Jones, Rhodri Hopkins, Bevan Howell, Joseph Williams, Ben Jones, Harrison Ashby, Ellis Simon, Iestyn Raven.

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## Dafydd boosts mini players



**RUGBY STAR** Dafydd Hewitt of the Cardiff Blues was selected for the Wales Sevens team in 2007, and captained Wales under-21s at the 2006 under-21 Rugby World Championship.

On Sunday, he came to watch the boys from Barry RFC mini section train (above). The boys certainly put on a great show for him. Also in the picture are first team coaches Peter Griffiths and Dominic Rees.

## Local college's famous five

**BRIDGEND** College level 3 extended diploma - sport (performance and excellence) students, Will - Griff John, Matthew Screech and Lewis Jones, along with former students Macauley Cook and Cory Hill, have represented Wales at this season's under 20s Six Nations

tournament.

All five students played in Wales' first match - a narrow 20-26 defeat against England at Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli.

Wales under-20s captain and second row, Macauley Cook, was awarded man of the match.

Once again, all five students were present in the team's second match, away at Scotland in Stirling.

Wales went on to record a

comfortable 33 points to 3 win, with prop Will-Griff John awarded man of the match.

Matthew Screech, Cory Hill and Will-Griff John were part of Wales' under-18s squad in last season's Four Nations tournament, and along with Lewis Jones and Macauley Cook, Cory Hill and Will John have already represented the Blues at regional level.

## VALE WINNERS AT POINT-TO-POINT

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

THERE were some exciting finishes at the Brecon and Talbot Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Llanfrynnach, where Nick Williams, assistant trainer at Evan Williams' yard, rode a brilliant race on Jeff Bird's *Minsgill Mans* to land the men's open race.

Nick, younger brother to National Hunt jockey Christian Williams, brought the 13-year-old bay gelding with a good run in the closing stages to win by eight lengths from Robert Rowsell's French-bred *Dreux*.

*Minsgill Mans* was the oldest horse in the race and Mr Bird, who lives in the Vale, said of his horse: "He has won over the course three times now and has won 12 of his 23 races."

The ladies' open race was a much closer affair with last year's winner *Upton Legend*, partnered by Jane Williams, getting home by a short head from the fast finishing *Bosham Mill*, ridden by Lucy Pearce.

*Minella For Food*, who used to be trained by Evan Williams, took the confined race under Josh Harris, who rides out for Evan Williams. The eight-year-old bay gelding by *Saddler's Hall*, gave Josh's sister Grace her first ever winner as a trainer.

*Chandlers Cross*, who was caught on the line after making all the running to be beaten by a neck, was disqualified from second place as his rider Paul Tolman, on dismounting, did not go straight into the weighing-in tent.

The third horse, *Micks Prospect*, was promoted to second place and the stewards fined

Tolman £60. Pembrokeshire's John Mathias had plenty to smile about. He had a walk-over in the members' race on *Rugged Gem* and was later successful on *Marine Hall* (restricted) and *Saint Peray* (open maiden division, one part one). Both *Marine Hall* and *Saint Peray* were sold by Mark Gichero to their respective owners.

The former, which is qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt, and owned by Paul Evans, won by eight lengths from *Copper Castle* and the latter, owned and trained by Dai Rees, made every post a winning one when coming home a distance ahead of *Peterman*.

*Little Miss Monty*, a 10-year-old bare mare, ridden by Emily Farr, took the second part of the second division of the open maiden when finishing a neck in front of *Cabineteely*, with Harry's *Ace* a further neck away in third place. *Little Miss Monty* is owned and trained by Emily's mother, Shan, a former Welsh champion rider who had also ridden winners over the course.

Victoria Shervington's *Beyond Dreams*, ridden by Byron Moorcroft, and qualified with the Pentrich Hunt, made all to win a division of the open maiden after being backed from 5-1 to 2-1 and *Emma Soda*, a six-year-old bay mare, came from the Clifton-on-Teme to win her division under Mark Jackson.

This Sunday, the Currie and Llangibby Hunt Steeplechases are being held at Howick near Chepstow; first race 12 noon.

Meanwhile, Tom David who rides out at Tim Vaughan's Aberthyn yard, landed a juicy 14-

winner when scoring on five-year-old *The Hague* in the maiden hurdle at Plumpton last Monday. *The Hague* finished 15 lengths ahead of *Alystar*, ridden by the legendary A P McCoy.

Vaughan was back in the winner's enclosure 24 hours later when his strongly fancied *Sertao*, partnered by Richard Johnson, got home by the narrowest margin possible – a nose – in the National Hunt flat race.

Llancafnan's Evan Williams was also in good form at Ffos Las, landing a 17-1 double with *Timesawastin* (evens) and *Fahrisee* (8-1). Both were ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

The former won by six lengths from *Tenby Jewel* and the latter, who was the outsider of four, had three-and-a-half lengths to spare over the odds-on favourite *Ruthenoise*.

### WELCOME WINNER

Evergreen Bryn Palling, who trains at Tredodridge, Pendoylan, had a welcome winner when his four-year-old chestnut, *Mr Maximus*, landed the atrpokerclub.com handicap at Wolverhampton last Friday.

Owned by Mr Nigel Thomas, and ridden by R Kingscote, *Mr Maximus* won by three parts of a length from *Idol Deputy* at odds of 14-1.

At Kempton on Saturday, the Evan Williams-trained *Trooper Clarence*, a seven-year-old bay gelding, was an easy winner of the BetFred Casino Novices Handicap Chase. Confidently ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Trooper Clarence* won by 13 lengths from *Playing With Fire*. The winner and runner-up were the 11-4 joint favourites.

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## Success for Barry's 'Friends and family'

IT was a real family affair as two teams from Barry reached the finals of a skittles tournament in North Devon.

'Friends and Family' beat off the challenge of 15 other teams from Wales and the West Country to come out on top in the Shoot Out Club competition in Bideford, and Leanne Williams recorded the top score of the entire weekend with an impressive total of 60 to help the all-women's

Family Affair B team finish third overall.

It could have been an even bigger Barry bonanza – the Family Affair A team missed out on a place in the final by a single pin.

For the Friends and Family team, victory was particularly sweet. They've been taking part in shoot out skittles events since they started 17 years ago and although they've reached the finals before, this was the first time they'd been crowned champions. They beat Bristol team

The Mutineers 388-378 to lift the trophy, quite a performance considering they don't all play regularly.

"We had a great weekend and winning the tournament was a bonus," said team organiser Lynn Hill.

Friends and Family, who base themselves at the Castle Hotel in Barry, used to compete as a ladies-only team but they've gradually let the men in on the act and their name certainly suits them.

In the team with Lynn is husband



**In the pink - Friends and Family with their Shoot Out Club winners' trophy.**

experience...this time!" team featured Cath Edwards, Leanne Williams, Jenny Williams, Kelly Keating, Carlie Grubb, Judith Enticott, Maria Edwards, Sarah Adams, Karen Adams and Jenny Starke.

The Family Affair B

## Llantwit under-13s lose out to Tondu at the Rec

ON a cold and windy morning, Llantwit Major under-13s entertained Tondu for the second time this season at the Rec.

The boys started confidently and a score from Llantwit was inevitable and deservedly came through Richard Danderfield, following some excellent interpassing between backs and forwards; Iestyn Jones neatly converted.

The game ebbed back and forth, with both sides wanting to attack and both defended well. The score remained 7-0 in Llantwit's favour at half time.

The second half continued as the first, but Tondu came out of the blocks a little more eager in the contact area. Pressure finally turned into points

with a well deserved converted try.

As the game wore on, Llantwit's strong defence in the first half began to show cracks as the Tondu forwards began to take the upper hand.

Quick ball from the ruck area saw Tondu increase their lead with two further converted tries.

Llantwit tried in vain to take the game to their opposition and showed some neat touches with good support play, but poor decision making at crucial times made Llantwit suffer with a late unconverted try to make the final score 26-7 to the visitors.

The boys can take a lot from the game as the run in to the end of the season starts to gather pace.

Well done boys, you did yourselves proud once again.

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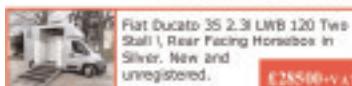
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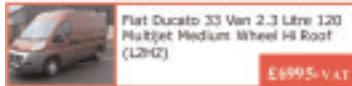
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**DINAS DENIED WIN BY LAST-GASP GOAL**

DINAS gave a start to new signing Barrie Gunstone and he soon made his presence felt.

In the fifth minute Gunstone chested down a pass into the path of fellow striker Carl Huntley, whose first time shot was just wide.

Just a minute later a superb cross from the right from Jason Davies found the head of Gunstone at the far post, and he made no mistake, giving the Croesy keeper no chance with a well placed header to open the Dinas account.

With 10 minutes of the half remaining, Ollie Dalton went on a mazy run but his shot was just wide and the half ended fairly evenly with Dinas just about deserving their lead.

Dinas started the second half on the front foot with Gunstone, Hayward and Davies combining well but Dalton's header from Davies' cross was just over the bar.

The visitors began to show their mettle and began to get on top, with substitute Dominic Broad hitting a powerful shot just over the bar.

Dinas manager Marc Cahill then rang the changes, bringing on the pacey Gareth Tedstone for Huntley and he soon began to cause the visitors' defence some prob-

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lems, culminating in a front again, when from penalty after he was an Ollie Dalton corner, pushed down from Gunstone headed goalward and the visitors' central defender, Daniel Clouth could only head the ball into the roof of the net for an own goal.

Croesy were getting on top at this stage and were not to be denied and from a corner, Jody Jenkins got his head to the ball first in a crowded six yard box to head home for the equaliser.

Dinas were soon in injury time, Richard

Perry latched onto a cross from the left, his shot taking a deflection off a Dinas defender and into the net for a last gasp equaliser which, on reflection, was a fair result.

This Saturday, AFC Porth are the visitors to the Murch with a 2.30pm kick off.

*Squad: Dave Burnett, Rhodri Foote, Danny Street, Mike Hayward (c), Dave Penikett, Jon Carpenter, Ricki Morgan, Jason Davies, Barrie Gunstone, Carl Huntley, Ollie Dalton, Will Penikett, Steve Provis, Liam Jones, Gareth Tedstone. PK*

**Golf trophies are fought for at St Andrews Major**

SUNDAY, March 6, saw the finals of the winter league and Wayne Pritchard memorial shield at St Andrews Major Golf Club.

After several months of braving the cold, snow and rain, the preliminary rounds of the winter league produced eight group winners which went forward to the winter league finals, and the remainder went into the Wayne Pritchard memorial shield.

The winter league finals were competitively fought by all eight pairs taking part before Craig Johansen and Phil Westcott secured top spot with a game in hand.

Second place was fought out on the last day between no less than six pairs, before a brilliant comeback from being

four down clinched the runner up position for Wayne Jordan and Harry Lewis.

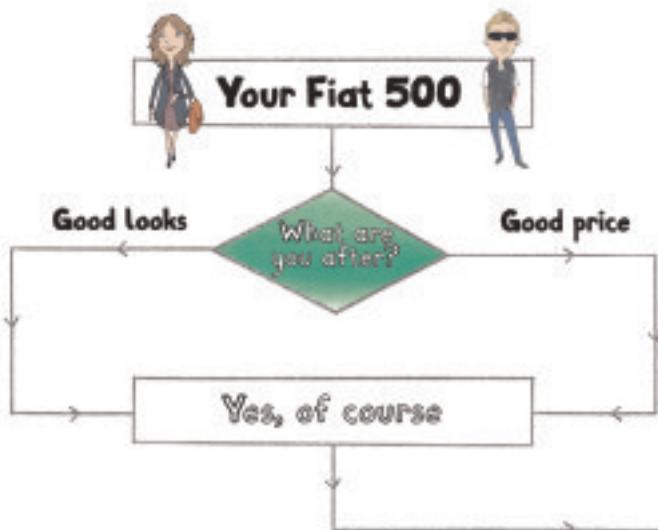
The Wayne Pritchard memorial trophy was played on a knockout basis with Rob Picton and Mark Cleaver powering their way to Sunday's final against an in-form Brian Haines and James McLaren.

Despite a gallant effort by Brian and James, Picton and Cleaver proved to be too good on the day and clinched the title six and four.

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08 08 MAZDA 2 1.3 TS 3-dr Hatchback. In icy blue with charcoal black interior, electric mirrors, front electric windows, power steering, CD, service history, only 29,800 miles ..... £6,795

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06 06 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Climate 3-dr Hatchback. In tonic blue with Tungsten Denim blue interior, alloy wheels, air con, electric front windows, power steering, only 46,000 miles.....£4,995

06 06 56 HYUNDAI Getz 1.1 Atlantic 3-dr hatchback. In sky blue with dark grey interior, air con, alloy wheels, front fogs, body coloured bumpers, alarm, 27,820 miles ..... £4,450

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## Depleted Llantwit under-8s win well away against CRICC

A DEPLETED Llantwit under-8s rugby team travelled to Cardiff High School Old Boys ground to take on CRICC.

With a squad of only six versus CRICC'S 14, it was decided to play a game of four-a-side to allow all of CRICC'S players to have a game.

The game started with good interaction from the CRICC players, which resulted in an early try. Llantwit didn't seem to wake up until a further brace of tries were scored against them.

Jacob Hunt started off the flood of tries that was to follow with a lovely solo effort.

Tries from both teams were a regular occurrence and at the half way mark, CRICC substituted the whole team – but these fresh players didn't deter the Llantwit squad.

Kieran Daw took the ball from the restart tap and ran through the bewildered CRICC'S defence, for the first of his two tries.

Kofi Jones went over for three, Bradley Claxton one and a further five from Jacob Hunt sealed a well deserved win for the travelling Llantwit squad.

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team with great tagging coming from the duo of Theo Davies and Ben Pernas.

After 40 minutes of rugby, the final score was CRICC 9, Llantwit Major 12.

Well done lads; man of the match was awarded to the whole team for their great effort.

**MD**  
**Llantwit under-7s v**

**Cricc under-7s**

**Game 1**

THE under-7s travelled to Cardiff to play CRICC at Cardiff High School old boys ground.

With seven players on each side, both teams agreed to play two games of five-a-side with rolling subs.

Llantwit captain Luke Pownall won the toss and Toby Thorne went over for the first try.

CRICC levelled the scores, but next up to score for Llantwit was Kian Morgan Brew with a good solo effort.

Toby scored again and next on the score sheet was Sam Davis, who scored two tries.

CRICC came back with four tries of their own, but Llantwit weren't finished with Kian Morgan Brew scoring his second of the match.

With the last play of the game, Cricc scored a try to level the first game at six-all.

**Game 2**  
LLANTWIT started this game with good runs from Dylan Morgan and Lewis Morgan breaking up the defence to release Kian Morgan Brew for the first try.

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## Nigel is remembered at local charity match



LEFT: Action from the Nigel Westall memorial game, which was won by Sully Sports.

SATURDAY, February 26 was the sixth year of the Nigel Westall memorial charity rugby game, this year between Sully Sports RFC and Sully RFC.

Sully Sports wore their new kit, sponsored for the occasion by Buildex Construction.

Both teams played to a high standard with Sully Sports retaining the trophy for the fifth year running, winning 42-21.

During half time, Sully Sports under-8s played a short game of tag rugby.

The clubs wish to thank Dave Brown of Buildex Construction for sponsoring the kit; Owen of happyembroidery.com; Reservoir Cats for the entertainment; CASS Scaffolding for sponsoring the match ball, and all the supporters on the day.

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### VALEWAYS WALKS

ON Monday, March 14 at 1.30pm, Llantwit Major to the sea – meet at the Llantwit Major bus/rail station car park.

On Wednesday, March 16, 10.30am-1pm, three from six villages extended walk – Sycamore Tree Inn, Colwinston (optional lunch).

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129 YEARS OLD RIVALRY WHERE THERE ARE NO HOLDS BARRED – AT LEAST FOR 80 MINUTES!

## Celtic cousins have a point to prove

**T**HE story begins 129 years ago at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on January 28, 1882 – the day Wales and Ireland first clashed on the international rugby field (the Welsh tourists won that opener by two goals, the scoring method at the time).

'Clashed' is no understatement – for the ensuing 115 encounters have produced some notable, at times notorious moments, as passions boiled over in the heat of combat!

However, fierce rivalry between these close Celtic cousins should never be confused with enmity, as evidenced by many legendary tales of off-field camaraderie, not only between players, but the supporters of both camps over the years.

Even so, time after time Irish teams seemed to have reserved their best efforts to thwart Welsh hopes of a Triple Crown or Grand Slam at the final hurdle.

Wales almost returned the 'compliment' in 2009, when a typically seesaw match at the Millennium Stadium saw Stephen Jones' last-

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gasp penalty fall agonisingly short and Ireland won 17-15, to claim their first Grand Slam for 61 years!

There was a nice irony in this, for in 2005 it was Wales that had overcome Ireland 32-20 in Cardiff to complete their first Grand Slam since 1978.

By and large, narrow margins have been a feature of matches between the two nations – notable exceptions being 2002, when Ireland won 54-10, and 1976, when Wales won 34-9.

However, the pendulum swung sharply towards the men in green during the years that followed Wales' golden era.

The measure of the challenge facing the Welsh team when they meet Ireland again at the Millennium Stadium on Saturday evening, is that in the last 10 years alone, the latter have won nine and Wales three of the 12 games played. Even so, the record books also reveal encouraging statistics, for the overall table reads: Wales 62 wins, Ireland 47, with six

matches drawn.

Even more remarkably, Wales remain ahead on points – 1,329 to Ireland's 1,216, so all is far from lost!

Moreover, Warren Gatland's team know that Ireland's Six Nations campaign has so far failed to measure up to expectations, while Wales, too, have yet to fire on all cylinders; so the stage is set for yet another intensely close-fought encounter, with both teams having much to prove, while at the same time still nursing title hopes.

Former England captain Will Carling's comments that Gatland is enforcing a conservative style of play totally alien to the Welsh team and that James Hook should be 'set free' at outside half, gave the team announcement on Tuesday an added piquancy.

In the event, the coach bowed to the media clamour for veteran Stephen Jones to make way for his younger rival, rather than stick with controlling midfield general Jones against

an Ireland team expected to be masterminded by Irish equivalent, Ronan O'Gara?

Hook got the nod, presumably because he offers something different to Jones, so it would seem odd indeed if in fact he is instructed to play in a similar 'conservative' style!

In that sense, Carling had a point.

Gatland did resist bringing back fit again Ospreys prop Adam Jones for the expected fireworks against an Irish eight desperate to silence their own critics. The only other changes saw the expected return of Jonathan Davies and Leigh Halfpenny to the backline.

*It promises to be yet another Celtic battle royal!*

**WALES TEAM TO FACE IRELAND:**  
Lee Byrne (Ospreys); Leigh Halfpenny (Blues), Jamie Roberts (Blues), Jonathan Davies (Scarlets) Shane Williams (Ospreys); James Hook (Ospreys), Mike Phillips (Ospreys); Paul James (Ospreys), Matthew Rees (Scarlets, capt), Craig Mitchell (Ospreys), Bradley Davies (Blues), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys) Dan Lydiate (Dragons), Sam Warburton (Blues), R Jones (Ospreys).

## Barry Rugby Club just edged out by Tonyrefail

**BEFORE** the away fixture last Saturday, Tonyrefail were three places below Barry but with a healthy five games in hand.

It was a bitterly cold day with Barry having the advantage of both a moderate wind and the slope for the first session. Tonyrefail started the stronger of the teams and were unfortunate to see an attempted penalty

kick bounce harmlessly off an upright.

Barry then stirred themselves into action, creating a three-quarter movement which put Provis clear on the left wing.

Despite being far from a position to judge, the referee ruled that the final pass was forward. Even the non-partisan home coaching staff thought the decision flawed!

Tonyrefail were getting the upper hand in the set scrummages, but Barry were their usual dominant best at ruck and maul.

Some good forward play headed by Jones and George led to Tonyrefail conceding a penalty, which was coolly converted from distance by Cummings.

A late tackle by the over-zealous home left wing resulted in a yellow card, providing a chance for the captain to extend the visitors' lead to six points.

Although still struggling to secure scrum ball, Barry always looked threatening by controlling the loose play.

After forty minutes Barry continued to experience problems at

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the set scrums of which there were many, while the home team could not shake off the shackles of the visiting loose forwards, for whom Hunt and Gill were outstanding.

The stalemate was eventually broken when the home side forced a five-metre scrum. This was lost with Barry conceding a simple short-range try, which was converted with a fine touch-line kick.

With injuries mounting among front-row specialists, the visitors had no option other than to elect for uncontested scrummages for the closing minutes of the match.

As if out of the blue, Barry scored a welcome last ditch try, when the alert Williams intercepted an errant pass and set off for the opposition line fully 80 metres away.

He held off some determined would-be covering tacklers to make the line.

The easy kick was missed and it is a salutary fact that if it had been converted, along with a similar late penalty goal, Barry could have left with a victory.

However, they would probably agree that final result was a fair reflection of the game.

Team: Ryan, Provis,

Walsh, Busutil, Hardy,

Cummings, Lee, Morgan,

O'Sullivan, Hunt, Jones,

King, Hadfield, George,

Gill. Subs: Brown,

Campbell, Evans,

Williams.

The next game for

Barry RFC will be

against St

Josephs at

Blackweir on March 19.

Also, the Barry RFC

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for all manner of functions;

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be checked and bookings

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club on 01446 734806.

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